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SPECIAL SERVICE ISSUE

The editorial staff of the Alumni Columns is happy to present this issue, which we have called a Special Service Issue. The idea has grown out of the hundreds of letters we have received from the men and women in service who are interested in the whereabouts and the activities of their friends and former schoolmates. These requests have come from all points in the world where our graduates and former students are stationed; and when we say all points in the world, we mean just that. From Iceland, the British Isles, France, Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Corsica; from the Aleutians, Russia, Burma, India, and Australia; from continental United States and South America; and from the islands of the Pacific and the Atlantic we receive letters telling what the contacts, through the pages of the Alumni Columns, with their school and their schoolmates mean to them. Many requests have come wishing to learn the addresses of certain of their friends with whom they had lost touch, and it has been our happy privilege to furnish this information to all who have asked for it.

In this special issue we have attempted to give the latest addresses of all those named; however, we know that many of them will be changed by the time our readers have received this information. Many of our boys and girls, whose names and addresses should be included in the list, will not be found on the list because it is impossible for us to get the information needed about them. Many are in service and we have no way of learning their situation. Despite the fact that we have written thousands of letters to parents asking information about former students and graduates, many of these letters fail to reach their destination because of changes of address or incorrect address in the beginning. We URGE EACH OF YOU who reads these pages and who has information of some graduate or former student whose name is not listed in this issue, to send us that information at once so that we may get in touch with that individual or some one who can give us his or her proper address.

In reading the addresses of men and women stationed overseas, you may note that some addresses are incomplete, since censorship regulations prohibit publishing the complete address of any service man or woman stationed outside the United States. We shall be happy to furnish any bonafide request for the address of any individual if you will write for it. Mail addressed to men and women overseas cannot be delivered by using the addresses given in this issue.

We are most eager to get pictures of service individuals or groups or any type of picture that will be of interest to Normalites, both young and old, that can be used in our succeeding issues, and request that you send them to the editor.

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All pictures will be cared for and returned to the sender as soon as we can have the engraver make plates from which we get our prints. We appreciate the fine response we have had from the women in service, many of whom are pictured in this issue, and shall be happy to run pictures of any individual or group that you will send to us. Pictures should not be too large but large enough to recognize faces or points of interest.

We have set up in the alumni offices a filing system in which each individual known to be in service has a folder. In this folder goes all the information received about a particular person, together with all correspondence, pictures, clippings, etc., that have been obtained. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could get a complete history of every person serving in the armed forces during this war and have that information filed away for future reference; there is also the possibility of using this information to help some person secure the benefits that will naturally accrue to veterans after the war is over. Records of dates of enlistments, promotions, citations, stations (camps, ships, etc.) as well as other pertinent information should be in each folder in our files, and we hope that if you have not already sent in such information, you will do so at the earliest possible date.

CLARENCE E. DUGDALE, Associate Editor

Missing in Action and Prisoners of War

MISSING IN ACTION

NAME	PARENTS
Bailes, Milton G.....	Mrs. L. T. Bailes, Sr. Natchitoches, Louisiana
Barnhill, William R. (Lt.).....	Mr. W. E. Barnhill Natchitoches, Louisiana
Butler, John Price.....	Mrs. W. B. Butler Coushatta, Louisiana
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Townsend, Alton (Lt.).....	Mr. C. H. Townsend Coushatta, Louisiana
Crippin, Frank, Jr.....	Mrs. Frank Crippin Route 3 Winnfield, La.

PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNED

Ballard, W. D. (S/Sgt.).....	PW (Switzerland).....	Mr. W. D. Ballard Pleasant Hill, Louisiana
Boston, J. D. (Lt.).....	PW (Germany).....	Mr. J. D. Boston Montgomery, Louisiana
Boydston, Marvin (Lt.).....	Interned (Switzerland).....	Mrs. B. K. Boydston Natchitoches, Louisiana
Butler, William P.....	Interned	Mr. W. A. Butler Jones, Louisiana
Garrett, Cleitus R.....	PW (Japan).....	Mr. H. C. Garrett Chestnut, Louisiana
Hargis, Ray (Lt.).....	PW (Japan).....	Mrs. Velma Hargis Natchitoches, Louisiana
Hughes, Wilmer.....	PW	Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hughes Coushatta, Louisiana
Posey, Allen Murph.....	PW (Germany).....	Mrs. R. E. Posey Coushatta, Louisiana
Pratt, Paul (S/Sgt.).....	PW	Mr. W. C. Pratt Natchitoches, Louisiana
Smith, John W. (Capt.).....	PW (Germany).....	Mr. J. W. Smith Dry Prong, Louisiana



'Taps'

NAME	PARENTS
Ayers, Edward (Sgt.).....	Mr. Joel Ayers Ringgold, Louisiana
Brandenburg, Cassius C. (Lt.).....	Mr. C. C. Brandenburg Benton, Louisiana
Carmichael, John E., Jr.....	Mr. and Mrs. J. Carmichael Many, Louisiana
Corley, George L.....	Mr. George Z. Corley Florian, Louisiana
Corley, Marcus (Ens.).....	Mr. M. L. Corley Zwolle, Louisiana
Dowty, Norman T. (Lt.).....	Mr. H. T. Dowty 1901 Polk Street Alexandria, Louisiana
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Ebarb, J. P. (Ens.).....	Mr. Paul Ebarb Zwolle, Louisiana
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Free, Alvin LESLIE (Sgt.).....	Mr. H. F. Free Pleasant Hill, Louisiana
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George, Louis R. (Lt.).....	Mr. Ed. George Texarkana, Arkansas
Haigler, Bill.....	Mrs. Nellie Haigler Dodson, Louisiana
Holloway, William Hermon.....	Mr. A. S. Holloway Delhi, Louisiana
Hudgens, Cedric (Col.).....	Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hudgens Athens, Louisiana
Keys, Royd.....	Mr. J. H. Keys Newellton, Louisiana
Perot, Wilfred R. (Lt.).....	Mr. E. W. Perot Campti, Louisiana
Stephens, Glen Edward (Lt.).....	Mr. J. E. Stephens Box 257, Leesville, Louisiana
Swett, Scriven (Lt.).....	Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Swett Natchitoches, Louisiana
Williams, Quentin (Lt.).....	Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Williams Florian, Louisiana

Spring Graduation Memorial Service

A special feature of the spring graduation exercises was the Memorial Service held in the auditorium of the Fine Arts building, honoring the memory of those who, up to that time, had given their lives in the service of their country. Immediate members of the families of those honored were special guests for the occasion. Representatives of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion Auxiliary were present in large numbers for the program.

Dr. Joe Farrar made the principal address of the occasion. His address is reproduced below.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT JOE FARRAR

Memorial Exercises--Louisiana State Normal College

Sunday, May 21, 1944

I approach my task this afternoon with a heavy heart and in a spirit of great humility, realizing fully my inability to do justice to the occasion that brings us here.

We have met to do honor to those sons of this institution—to those fine young Americans, youthful and enthusiastic and with a zest for living, who have paid the supreme penalty, not grudgingly but gladly, that this institution and other free institutions throughout the world might continue to spread the gospel of human worth, of freedom for the individual, of liberty for all men everywhere. As we meet here I know that the hearts of their loved ones are bruised and bleeding, and I realize that any effort on our part to bring them consolation and to ease the pain in their hearts, though ever so sincere, is weak and of little effect. I would remind them, however, that their sons and husbands gave their lives in a great cause—the cause of humanity itself—and that the real value of a human life cannot be measured by its length in months and years. It can be measured in terms of the causes for which it sacrifices; in terms of the way it is lived while it is lived; in terms of the ideals and principles in defense of which it is willing to die. Your loved ones lived nobly. They died more nobly still. And it is our prayer that the Great God of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, may be very near you in your hours of deep sorrow, and that He may bring to you such consolation and such understanding as will enable you to bear your burdens courageously and to carry on the fight for those ideals and principles in defense of which your sons and husbands gave their lives.

What we say here today or what we say or do in the immediate and difficult days ahead cannot bring these loved ones back to us or contribute to their welfare. They have gone whence no traveller ever returns—where hate and bickering and suffering and sorrow are unknown. They will live no more among us, but their deeds of valor, their heroic sacrifices, their devotion to ideals and to duty, their love of country and their fellowmen will live forever; and when history is written out yonder in the future, their names and the names of their comrades will loom large among the martyrs of this age.

These boys did not die in vain unless we would have it so. They are gone, but the great ideals for which they died are in our keeping. They are our responsibility, and they did die in vain unless we see that the ideals for which they died do not perish from the earth, and that war never again raises its ugly head among nations.

Twenty-seven years ago we entered another great world war to defend Democracy and, as we thought, to bring an end to wars for all time to come. It was a worthy purpose, a great challenge, but all of us know the story. That war did

not end wars. It was a brief preface to the great world-wide catastrophe which threatens us now, not because our men failed on the battlefields but because the American homefront failed. It failed to make a peace that was secure and lasting. If I had a theme today, a short one that would include all I think and feel, it would be "History must not repeat itself." Never again must the young men of America or of any nation become targets for enemy bombs and bullets. Never again must the hearts of mothers and fathers and wives bleed because of sad news from the battlefronts.

We willingly sacrificed blood and treasure to win the first world war, but having failed in our first efforts to establish a good and lasting peace, we gave up; we quit; we took the easy way. We continued to pass resolutions and to utter pious declarations that there would be no more wars, but our efforts ended there and we did nothing to make our pious declarations realities. Unparalleled evil is loose in the world today, and we shall not be able to resist it, nor shall we be able to bring about the peace in which we profess to believe if we continue to take the easy way. We are here today, and our sons have died, because in all our choices we have chosen that which required the least effort—because we have dissipated like wastrels and drunkards the inheritance of freedom and order that has come down to us from our forbears, because we have indulged in the softer vices in which civilizations decay instead of giving ourselves to those sterner virtues by which a civilization is made.

Despite our recent victories on every battlefield, despite the heroic and unparalleled sacrifices of our men in the Armed Forces, despite the apparent optimism of some of our military leaders, we must recognize the fact that the war has just begun—that America is just beginning to suffer. And we must recognize the further fact that when the war is won we shall not have paid even our first installment on the debt we owe our heroic dead, or those other brave souls whose bodies live but whose minds are numb, or those who are maimed or broken, or those millions to whom these experiences must come in the terrible days that lie ahead. As one of our great presidents said, "We stand at Armageddon and we battle for the Lord." In our keeping lies the future of all mankind. As we are the center of the ultimate resistance to the evil which is now devastating the world, so must we make ourselves the center of the resurrection, the primary source of the energies by which men who believe as we do may be set free, and lands that are subjugated redeemed, and the whole world purified and pacified once again. It is an awful responsibility, which we can hope to bear only by bearing it, learning through our sorrows and our triumphs, through defeats and victories, to be equal to our responsibility. All the centuries look down upon us. God grant that we may not fail.

Three Generations



Pictured above are three generations of graduates at the Normal College. When Marjorie Henry (Peggy) Montegut of Reserve graduated in the Spring class, the cameraman was fortunate enough to get Peggy, her mother and grandmother, who were visiting her on the campus, together for a snap shot.

Peggy is the daughter of Sup't. and Mrs. J. O. Montegut of Reserve, where her father, also a graduate of the Normal, has been serving as superintendent of schools for many years. Her mother, the former Marjorie Henry, graduated from the Normal before it became a four-year College. Her grandmother, Mrs. Sam Henry, the former Maude Breazeale, attended the Normal when most of the buildings on the campus at the present time were non-existent, and others, practically all of which have been removed to make room for the present ones, formed a beautiful setting among the trees that once adorned the "Hill."

Summer Class

The summer graduating class was probably the most unusual graduating class at the College in many years. Of the 63 graduates only five were men. In the group of women graduates, twenty-six of them had compiled the total of 353 years of teaching experience, and one of this number had taught 33 years.

Included in the group was the first student from a foreign country to receive a degree from the Normal College. This honor went to Miss Maria Garza Larumbe of Mexico City, Mexico, a member of the faculty of the American Foundation School in Mexico City.

Two of the graduates have sons in the military forces of our country, and five of the graduates have husbands serving overseas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Memorial Bronze Plaque to be Erected at Normal

The summer, 1944, graduating class donated \$100.00 to establish a fund to purchase a bronze plaque upon which is to be inscribed the names of all graduates or former students at the College who have given their lives in the present war.

For the past three years many of the graduating classes have made contributions to the Veterans Loan Fund, but since the passage of the G. I. Bill by Congress will most probably take care of the needs of returning veterans, this class was eager to inaugurate a fund that would assure the establishment of a bronze plaque on the campus to commemorate those of our men and women who do not return.

We most heartily commend this class for their grateful recognition of the sacrifices made, and yet to be made, by the sons and daughters of our institution. Their memory will linger long with each of us, but it is fitting that their names should be perpetuated in enduring bronze, and that their heroism should be commemorated for all time in the hearts of those for whom they have given their all.

Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Award

A Memorial scholarship award, designated the Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship, has been established at the State Normal College, honoring the late Mrs. Hugh D. Blanchard, formerly Annie Laurie Pujos. As a student and a former member of the faculty of the College, this lady long had a desire to make an award for some deserving students who have the desire and the ability to become superior teachers in the school system of Louisiana. This scholarship is to be a cash award to continue in effect as long as the beneficiary maintains the high standards set up or until graduation from the College, at which time another student will be given the same high honor.

To carry out the wishes of this beloved teacher, her husband, Lt. Col. Hugh D. Blanchard, is setting up an endowment, the proceeds of which will pay the beneficiary at least \$200.00 per year. The following have been designated as administrators of the award: The president of the Louisiana State Normal College, the Secretary of the Alumni Association, Miss Mae Hammett, Miss Catherine Winters, and Miss Sarah Clapp.

The endowment, when complete, will amount to \$6,000.00, and all the interest and earnings from this amount will go directly to the beneficiary of the award.

Rules governing the award are as follows: "The Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship shall be awarded to that woman

student whose academic record is superior, who expects to prepare for teaching, and whose initiative and character evince the possibility of becoming a teacher of the same high quality as the one in whose honor the scholarship is established. Preference will be given that senior who has economic need.

"The student to receive the award shall be a young woman of the senior class of the Thibodaux High School, Thibodaux, Louisiana, selected by the college committee from a list of three nominees made by the Thibodaux High School, through his senior class and the principal. Should the Thibodaux High School fail to nominate qualified candidates for the scholarship by April 1 of any year, the other high schools, public or parochial, of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, will be asked to nominate candidates for the scholarship from their seniors, following the same procedure as that designated for the Thibodaux High School. Should no nominations be made from the Thibodaux or other Lafourche high schools, for the scholarship, the College Committee may make the award, at its discretion, observing the standards set for the Thibodaux High School."

This is the first endowment scholarship award that has been made at the Louisiana State Normal College, and is a magnificent way to perpetuate the name and memory of that beloved teacher, Annie Laurie Pujos.

Remember These Fellows --- 1942 L. I. C. Champions



Front Row, Left to Right: Pat Nation, Minden; Morris Carbo, Moreauville; S. Courtney, Mobile, Alabama; T. P. Sutherland, Bossier City; Theophile Scott, Natchitoches; Larry Townsend, Coushatta; C. M. McSwain, Alexandria; John Meagher, Shreveport; A. Hughes, Sulphur; Bobby Jantz, DeRidder; John Tarlton, Natchitoches.

Second Row: E. Davis, Shreveport; Ralph McFarland, Alexandria; Henry Burley, Haynesville; Carlton Johnson, Cotton Valley; Henry Bollier, Cotton Valley; Tommy Bambrick, Houston, Texas; Albert Gerson, Monroe; H. Tinsley, Haynesville; J. Thompson, De Ridder; R. Eason, Monroe; A. Kilpatrick, Eros.

Third Row: N. Hanchey, DeRidder; R. Clawson, Winnsboro; Lee Prather, Natchitoches; John Nicosia, Smithfield, Pennsylvania; J. C. Carlin, Sulphur; Willie Lutgring, Abbeville; B. Dickerson, Winnfield; W. Arie, Cotton Valley; S. Rhodes, Vivian; B. Eason, Monroe; G. Barkate, Sulphur.

Fourth Row: Toxy Bourn, Haynesville, B. King, Winnfield; Zolon Stiles, Springhill; Herley Tripp, Haynesville; H. Randall, Ville Platte; Francis Ledet, Abbeville; E. McDermott, Bossier City; Ivan Woodward, Baton Rouge; Leon Dunn, Shreveport; Carl Benton, Mobile, Alabama; Alden Vige, Opelousas.

Now that the thump of the pigskin is again heard on the Demon gridiron and Coach Rags Turpin is getting ready for a new football season with an entirely new team, we have reproduced the picture of the last Demon football squad from away back in 1942. As you may recall, this team pictured above was the Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference Champion, having won every game played against teams of the conference. Not only were they the champs in 1942, but they are all champions now on the biggest and best team in the world—Uncle Sam's team. A close check of the entire squad of forty-four men shows that each one of them is now playing his position on the BIG TEAM with the determination and drive that will soon win the greatest game of them all. We salute you, Champs of 1942.

The 1944 edition of the Demons is an unknown quantity at the present time. Coach Turpin has 61 candidates trying out for positions on the team. These candidates include 48 Navy V-5 trainees from 17 different states and 14 civilians from Louisiana. Of the states represented, Illinois leads with 14 candidates; Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts fol-

low with 7, 6, and 5 each. Other states represented are North Carolina, Indiana, Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Washington, D. C.

No doubt the complexion of the team will have some changes after the season gets under way, with some possible new recruits added in October when a new contingent is to arrive on the campus. Something new for the coach to worry about is the fact that none of the candidates have ever had any competitive college football before, and the team can most certainly be termed a green, inexperienced one. Fifty-nine of the 61 candidates are under 21 years of age, there being 4 sixteen year olds, 5 seventeen, 17 eighteen, and 29 nineteen; four have reached the ripe old age of twenty years. But we shall have football again, and if the spirit of these youngsters can make up for their lack of experience and training, then they should develop into a reasonably representative club and may look forward to winning a fair portion of their games during the season.

Cupid's Doings

Miss Katie Dickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dickson, Coushatta, and Jack Faraldo, son of Mrs. Maggie Faraldo and the late Mr. Gaston Faraldo, were married July 15.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Brady D. Culpepper of Homer announce the marriage of their daughter, Marcile, to Gaston England of Winnfield, on July 1.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Grace Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Webb of Alexandria, and Cadet R. A. Moreau, Cottonport, were married July 22 in Monroe.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Mary Elizabeth Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barr of Natchitoches, and George Sellinger Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Walsh of Winnfield, were married March 4 in Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Birdie Louise White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. White, and Frank S. Fragala, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fragala, were married in Bastrop. Mr. Fragala received his B.S. degree from Louisiana State Normal College. Mr. and Mrs. Fragala are members of the Bonita High School faculty.

—L.S.N.C.—

On March 15 in the First Methodist church of Alexandria, Miss Dorothy Britt, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Britt, became the bride of Edwin Dudley White, son of Mrs. W. A. White of Melville, and the late Mr. White of Woodside.

—L.S.N.C.—

On Easter Sunday Miss Gladys Rai Barr, daughter of Mrs. Ellie Barr and the late Ira Barr of Fairview, Alpha, and Tech. Sgt. Alton A. Holmes, son of J. W. Holmes of Epps, were married in the army air field chapel at Lubbock, Texas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Maggie Breedlove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Breedlove of Natchitoches, and Pfc. Oliver Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Horn of Logansport, were married May 7 in Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Hazel Slaughter, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Slaughter of Natchitoches, and Machinist Mate 1 c. L. Reynolds, from the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, were married in Natchitoches, May 13.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Thomas, Natchitoches, announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Lieutenant Andrew N. Walker, son of Mrs. C. B. Walker of Minden, in the First Baptist church in Natchitoches on June 6.

The marriage of Miss Jeanette Maggio, daughter of Mr. Sam Maggio of Natchitoches, and the late Mrs. Maggio, and Corporal Everett Gunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gunter of Goldonna, was solemnized April 16 in Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Theo Colvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Colvin of Dubach, and M. R. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Roberson, Vivian, were married June 12 in Dubach.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Genita Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Smith of Marthaville, became the bride of Lieutenant Herbert E. Taken April 1 in Shreveport.

—L.S.N.C.—

The wedding of Miss Carrie Lannette Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart of Shreveport, and Herbert Albert Johnson, son of Mrs. Carl Johnson and the late Mr. Johnson, was solemnized in the First Presbyterian church in Shreveport March 11.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Janelle Elaine Burnham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Z. Burnham of Haynesville, and Edward Wilbert Pullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pullen of Bossier City, were united in marriage June 11 at the First Baptist church in Haynesville.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Elizabeth Wyche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillum S. Wyche, of Shreveport, and Captain Eldridge Armistead, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Armistead of Memphis, Tennessee, and Water Valley, Mississippi, were married April 8 in the First Methodist church in Shreveport.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Margie Selby, daughter of Mrs. Ivie Selby, Natchitoches, and Ensign Robert James Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thomas of Scottville, Michigan, were married in the First Methodist church of Natchitoches on June 10.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Doris Turner of England and Lieutenant Charles DeBlieux, USNR, of Baton Rouge and Natchitoches, were married in England. Lieutenant DeBlieux has been stationed in England for some time.

—L.S.N.C.—

The marriage of Miss Agnes Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Smith of Winnsboro, to R. G. (Bo) Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus G. Russell of Baton Rouge, was solemnized in the First Baptist church in Winnsboro, January 23.

Miss Gloria Betty Coffman of Shreveport and Vance Nethery of Eros were married Monday, June 19, in Shreveport.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Farrington Lester of Coushatta announce the marriage of their daughter, Ava Louise, to James D. Nelson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nelson of Rodessa, on July 15.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Ruth Pullig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pullig of Bryceland, and George N. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Martin of Columbia, were married July 4 in Natchitoches. The bride and groom are graduates of the College.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spinks of Ringgold announce the marriage of their daughter, Norma, to Staff Sergeant L. A. Pate, son of J. D. Pate of Center, Texas, on June 10, in the air base chapel at Thomasville, Georgia.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Dorothy Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnold Dowdy of Junction City, Arkansas, became the bride of Edward Albert Kelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hewitt Kelson of Galveston, Texas, June 27, in the Methodist church of El Dorado, Arkansas.

—L.S.N.C.—

The wedding of Miss Wilda Ruth Smith, daughter of Mrs. Estelle Allen Smith of Natchitoches, and Ralph Harold Potter, son of Mrs. C. C. Potter of Lake Arthur, was solemnized in the home of the bride on June 24.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Frances Futrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones of Shreveport, became the bride of Lieutenant W. H. Pence, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Pence of Anson, Texas, on July 10 in the home of the bride's parents.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Aileen Louise Sompayrac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sompayrac of Natchitoches, and Lieutenant Lyle Eugene Keran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Keran of Newman, Illinois, were married July 9 in Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Scherz of Keatchie announce the marriage of their daughter, Ettie Estelle, to William Joseph Beard, ABB 1 c, United States Navy, son of Mrs. A. A. Beard and the late Mr. Beard of Bentonville, Arkansas. The wedding was solemnized March 4. Mrs. Beard was a junior in the Music Department of Louisiana State Normal.



Pictured above is young Rayburn G. Pyle, III, son of Captain and Mrs. R. G. Pyle, Jr. Captain Pyle is stationed in the European theater while Mrs. Pyle is making her home in De Ridder.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Margaret Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Payne of Grand Cane, and Parker Smith of Lake Charles, were married August 14 in the Methodist church at Grand Cane.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mrs. Dan M. Wingo, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Timon of Natchitoches, was Miss Marjorie Timon before her marriage to Mr. Wingo on August 4 in Laurel, Mississippi. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Wingo was secretary to Captain Stanley W. Mims at the Holding and Reconsignment Depot in south Shreveport.

—L.S.N.C.—

A wedding of beauty and dignity was solemnized in the chapel of Grace Methodist church in Deatur, Illinois, when Miss Ruth Corinne Lowe, daughter of J. A. Lowe and the late Mrs. Lowe of Haynesville, was married to Joe Decker Walk, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walk of Sherman, Texas, on June 24.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Jessie L. Pitchford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pitchford of Bossier, and C. Marion Crowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crowe of Atlanta, Georgia, were married in the late spring. Mrs. Crowe is a graduate of the College. Mr. Crowe attended the University of Georgia, where he was an outstanding football player, known as "Blaekie" Crowe, before entering the service.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Winifred Hilliard, member of the Training School faculty, and Sgt. Cecil W. Owens, 'ex '43, were married late this Spring in Shreveport. After a short honeymoon, the bride returned to her work here at the College, and Sgt. Owens is now at a port of embarkation, awaiting further action by Uncle Sam.

Miss Mary Sylvest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sylvest of Franklinton, and Lieut. David C. Collins were married August 21, at Hondo, Texas, on the day that Lt. Collins received his Commission and his navigator's silver wings at the Air Base. The bride was a student at the College. Lt. and Mrs. Collins are now living at Boea Raton, Florida, where the groom was transferred immediately after the ceremony.

—L.S.N.C.—

Miss Lelia Flo Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cummings of Couchatta, and S Sgt. Thaddeus Joseph Toups, USMC, son of Mrs. R. E. Ledet of Covington, and the late T. J. Toups of Raceland, Louisiana, were married August 28 in the Elm Street Methodist Church of Pensacola, Florida. The young couple will reside in Pensacola, where S Sgt. Toups is stationed. The bride was a sophomore at the College.

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign and Mrs. Toxie Bourn, nee Nelle Nabours, are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, July 26, at Many. They call him Bill.

—L.S.N.C.—

Word has just been received that Howard Young, USN, and Miss Dorothy Corne were married Saturday, July 22, in New Orleans. Dorothy expects to be back in school this fall, while Howard says that he is subject to the wishes of the Navy Department. Howard received his B. S. Degree this spring, just prior to entering the Navy.



Lyn S. Fletcher

S Sgt. Len S. Fletcher is a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress in England. He has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. Len, the youngest of a small family of fourteen children, just naturally drifted into the position of tail gunner. He entered service in April, 1943, resigning his position with the Standard Oil and Gas Co. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was making his home with his sister, Mrs. Frank W. Borman, nee Mereer Fletcher, his father and mother having died before he finished high school.



James N. Nicholson

Pictured above is Lt. James W. Nicholson, being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in the southwest Pacific by Gen. Delos C. Emmons for action over Wake Island. Lt. Nicholson has also received the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf

Clusters. He was in the Pacific zone for 14 months before returning to the States. After returning to the States he was assigned as an instructor in Midland, Texas, and, according to latest reports, is now serving as an instructor in Massachusetts.

With Our Men and Women in Service

S Sgt. Perry O. Hollis has been stationed in England since last March. He is a ball-turret gunner on a Flying Fortress and, according to the latest word from him, has about completed his tour of missions and is hoping to return to the States before long. His wife, Marjorie Abney Hollis, is at present visiting her parents at 2751 Vance Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana. Perry was recently awarded the air medal and 2 oak leaf clusters.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. H. Newton Carter, U. S. Naval Air Corps, is now in or near Hawaii. Lt. Carter entered the Navy on August 1, 1941. He received his training in Pensacola, Miami, and Norfolk before being commissioned Ensign in June, 1942. He was then transferred to Roosevelt Field, Long Island, for fifteen months before being sent to Hawaii.

—L.S.N.C.—

We appreciate a recent letter from Lt. Jesse C. Murray, Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit, S.S., —, F.P.O., New Orleans, written in France. Jesse says it will be a great day when they all get back to the good old U. S. A. We are delighted to know that he has been receiving all our letters and publications.

—L.S.N.C.—

In the graduating class of U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, WAVE Nora Alice McCants was given Honorable Mention as being one of the honor graduates of the class. She now has the rating of PhM3 c. We had hoped to use her picture in this issue, but the print we had was made at such a great distance as to render the individual unrecognizable.

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. Louis S. Comeaux has been in the southwest Pacific for approximately two years. He entered service Feb. 15, 1942, and received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Ford Ord, Calif., leaving for overseas duty on October 1, 1942. He has since been stationed at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Russell Island, Munda, New Georgia, New Zealand, and New Guinea. Louis participated in the Munda, New Guinea, campaign and was wounded in action on July 10, 1943. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, and battlestars of Northern Solomons and Guadalcanal Campaigns. He received his promotion to the rank of Sergeant on March 6, 1944.

—L.S.N.C.—

Word has been received that Lt. Billy Baucum was wounded in action in Normandy, France.

—L.S.N.C.—

First Lt. Edward E. (Doc) Jordan went to England on August 20, 1942. Doc entered service November 26, 1941, and was commissioned 2nd Lieut. on June 26, 1942. He has served in combat in North Africa,

Sicily, and Italy. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant after the end of the Tunisian campaign in May, 1943.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. Henry Ford Glass has returned from England for a furlough before being re-assigned. He completed his 30 missions in a Flying Fortress and then was assigned to ferrying service before returning to the States. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. He will report to Miami, Florida, for reassignment.

—L.S.N.C.—

Major Jack Flores was a visitor on the campus this past week, having just returned from the European theater. Jack has been overseas for more than two years. He will report for reassignment at the end of his leave.

—L.S.N.C.—

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England, release states that a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal has been awarded Flight Officer Norman J. Stephens of Ruston, Flying Fortress Bombardier for "meritorious achievement" on fifteen combat missions over Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stephens, Benson, Louisiana, and entered service on July 15, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Emma Louise Stephens, resides at Ruston.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cpl. Royd Keyes was killed in action in France on June 6, according to a telegram received by his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Keyes of West Monroe. Keyes had been stationed in England for the past two years with a cavalry division. He went into service in 1941, at which time he was a student on the campus. While in England Corporal Keyes married Miss Florence Farnady of London, who is a member of the WRENS.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cpl. Ernest S. "Bama" Wright is now stationed in England. "Bama" is a member of an M. P. battalion.

—L.S.N.C.—

Otto Evans, CM 1 c, of the Sea Bees was a visitor on the campus in June. He was home on convalescent leave, having been in the southwest Pacific area for some time.

—L.S.N.C.—

A recent communication was received from Captain Guy Nesom, Route 1, Cheyenne Mt., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Guy had been stationed at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, for some time until his transfer out west. In addition to his regular duties, Guy will assist in coaching football at the base at Colorado Springs.

Captain George Gibbens was a visitor to the campus early this summer. He had just returned to the States after having spent fourteen months overseas. George took part in 75 missions over Sicily and Italy while he was attached to the 17th Bomber Group. Mrs. Gibbens, the former Virginia Downs, and their son are making their home in Plaquemine. His visit was a particularly happy one for George, since he had an opportunity to visit with his son and make the young gentleman's acquaintance for the first time. He stated that Lt. Dwight Morris was stationed with his outfit but in a different squadron.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. Clinton Jackson recently visited the campus while on leave. He was stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, but has recently been transferred overseas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cecil Rhodes, Y 1 c, and his wife were recent visitors on the campus. Rhodes is now stationed at the Naval Station in Jackson, Mississippi.

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. Wilmer Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hughes of Fairview-Alpha, a radio-gunner on a combat plane, has been reported MISSING IN ACTION over Europe. His parents received a telegram from the War Department on July 25, advising them that he had failed to return from a bombing mission. Later information states that he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

—L.S.N.C.—

Pvt. Ida E. Simpson of Monterey, La., has been assigned to the Air Service Command at Robins Field, Georgia, with the first contingent of Air WACS to arrive there. She was a Physical Education major at the College and has two brothers in service. One, John H. Simpson, is in the Army, while the other, James L. Simpson, is in the Navy.

—L.S.N.C.—

Aviation Cadet Charles F. Bradford was scheduled to receive his silver pilot's wings and officer's bars at the twin-engine advanced flying school at Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas. He was appointed to pilot training in Sept., 1943, and received his primary flight training at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and his basic flight training at Independence, Kansas. He will be assigned to duty as an instructor or combat pilot.

—L.S.N.C.—

Charles A. Roberts was recently commissioned Lieutenant and received his pilot's wings from the advanced British Flying School at Miami, Oklahoma. Charles was selected to take his training with the Royal Air Force Cadet training in this country. He was a recent visitor to the campus.



Captain James E. Sweeney

Captain James Sweeney, squadron commander of the famed "Red Raiders," operating around New Guinea, recently had a leave of absence, of which he spent the greater part in Australia, trying to learn how civilians live and act. He said it was quite a treat to see white women again. Incidentally, he and "Red" Harrison got together for a visit in New Guinea and played several football games over again (conversationally). The "Red Raiders" have been doing a wonderful job in showing the Japs the way back to Tokio.

—L.S.N.C.—

Captain Chester A. Driggers has been promoted to Major in the Air Corps at Huntsville, Alabama, according to a news item of July 6. He is in command of the air force from Elgin Field, Florida, and is stationed at the arsenal on a test bombing mission. He returned to the States in 1943, after completing 37 missions as pilot of a Mitchell bomber with the Ninth Air Force. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross.

—L.S.N.C.—

Major Randall D. Keator has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is operations officer of a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group, a part of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force in the European theater. Lt. Col. Keator holds the Distinguished Service Cross and many other decorations. He was in service in the Philippines when war was declared. After returning to the States for some time, he was transferred to England, where he has been carrying out bomber-escort and dive-bombing missions.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cpl. Willie Black has been promoted to Sergeant. He is stationed at Stuttgart Army Air Field, Stuttgart, Arkansas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Pvt. Kerlin C. Sutton graduated in Basic Radio and Aircraft Radio Mechanics at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, on June 6. He is now stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., where he is studying Electronics and Pre-Radar.

A/c John D. Gathright was killed on March 17, 1944, when his plane and that of Flight Instructor, Lt. James M. McMahon, collided in air at Perrin Field, Denison, Texas. Both planes crashed, killing Gathright and Lt. McMahon. John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gathright of Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—

Captain Raymond Breazeale was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is an Engineering Officer of the 3rd Ferrying group stationed at Romulus, Michigan.

—L.S.N.C.—

Wilda K. Tucker of Houghton has been promoted to Sergeant in the Women's Army Corps at Des Moines, Iowa. She was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal, one of the first awards of this nature ever presented to a WAC at Des Moines.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. Colonel Thos. A. Baker has arrived safely in England, according to a recent release. He visited the campus recently before being sent overseas. Tom was in the Navy during World War I and was in command of National Guard Unit at the beginning of World War II.

—L.S.N.C.—



C. A. Martin

Major C. A. Martin entered flight training in August, 1939, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was awarded his pilot's wings in May, 1940, at Kelly Field, Texas. After the United States entered the war, his squadron did submarine patrol duty at various bases along the east coast. He was made station controller at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was later transferred to Anti-submarine Wing Headquarters in New York. When the Wing was dissolved, he went to Savannah, Georgia, to work in the training program at Chatham Field.

Major Martin was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious work in submarine patrol. He has recently been assigned to duty overseas, where he is stationed at the present time.



Fred Moffett

Lieutenant (j.g.) Fred M. Moffett has been in service in the Pacific area for the past twenty months. He volunteered for the Navy service in March, 1942, and received his basic training at Notre Dame and Northwestern Universities. He was commissioned as Ensign at the conclusion of his training at Northwestern University, and was transferred to the west coast, where he was assigned to his ship in January, 1943. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade, in February, 1944, and is now serving as gunnery officer on board his ship.

After receiving his degree from the College in 1940, Lt. Moffett was employed by the Daw Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas, until he enlisted in the Navy.

—L.S.N.C.—

Northern Burma—"May-lay-ria to Blue Barracks Bag! Over!" That was the unique message Captain Roland J. Miguez of Kinder drewled into the radio transmitter of A-36, high over the Mogaung Valley.

Down below, in the rugged jungle country, Lt. "Blue Barracks Bag" William L. Fleming of Richmond Hill, New York, smiled as he received this message. His unit, part of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's Marauders, was surrounded by the Japs and was being shelled heavily.

There was good reason for his smile. The word "May-lay-ria" represented air support—the best solution to the Marauders' predicament. Miguez and his squadron of Eastern Air Command fighter-bombers had arrived and were asking for bombing instructions.

The co-ordinated work of Miguez and Fleming was one of the reasons why the Marauders' advance on Myitkyina was a success. When Fleming's unit was cornered by the Japs, Miguez' squadron was assigned the air support detail. For 26 days EAC fighter-bombers swept over the Jap positions every hour, strafing and bombing with great accuracy. When this failed to dislodge the enemy, the pilots doubled their missions and attacked every thirty minutes. After a week of this hammering, the Jap guns were silenced and "Blue Barracks Bag" Fleming notified

"May-lay-ria" Migues: "We're O. K. now, thanks to your air support."

Migues has flown over 150 Missions and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and many Oak Leaf Clusters. He has just returned to the States for a leave and visited the campus while at home.

—L.S.N.C.—



Juanita Williams

Pfc. Juanita Williams, U.S.M.C., is now stationed at the Marine Aviation Base in San Diego, California, where she is in charge of a file room in the postal department. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in September, 1943, and was called into service on December 1, 1943, at which time she was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for boot training. At the completion of her basic training, she was made Private, First Class, and in March, 1944, was transferred to her present station in San Diego.

—L.S.N.C.—

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Pratt were advised by the War Department on June 13, that their son, Technical Sergeant Paul Pratt, had been MISSING IN ACTION over Germany since May 24. T Sgt. Pratt was on a Flying Fortress and had been overseas since November, 1943. Since that time, it has been reported that he is a prisoner of war.

—L.S.N.C.—

First Lieutenant Everett L. Scarborough, Jr., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross recently. He has been overseas for a number of months as a member of the Eighth Air Force.

—L.S.N.C.—

On July 5 announcement was made of the promotion to the rank of Major of Chester A. Driggers in the Air Corps at Huntsville, Alabama. Major Driggers is in command of the air force from Elgin Field, Florida, and is stationed at the arsenal on a test bombing mission. He returned to the States in 1942 after completing 37 missions as a pilot of a Mitchell bomber with the Ninth Air Force in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as the Air Medal and several oak leaf clusters.

Joe Glenn Elkins, RM 2 c, is one of 52 men sent to Colgate University for training in the newly established Naval Academic Refresher Unit (V-7), which has just opened as one of three such units in the country. Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Elkins, Route 2, Minden, will take 16 weeks of work at Colgate before entering a midshipman's school. All the men in this unit were assigned directly from the fleet after showing officer aptitude. Elkins entered the Navy in January, 1943, and was on active duty on Tarawa before being assigned to Colgate.

—L.S.N.C.—

A C Charles T. Hall has just completed his course at the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University and has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. He is now stationed in the same school, where he is an instructor in engineering physics. Lt. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall of Bossier City, La.

First Sgt. John Winn has recently arrived in Italy, where he is attached to an Anti-aircraft Unit.

—L.S.N.C.—

Tech. Sergeant Henry H. Ricard died of wounds sustained in action on his third flight over Europe in a B-24 bomber. His parents received word that he had been MISSING IN ACTION since June 18, but a later release stated that he was a Prisoner of War in Germany. This was followed by a statement from the International Red Cross that he had died of wounds. No further details have been obtained.

Mrs. Ricard, the former Aline Richardson, and Henry Ricard, Jr., are living in Winnfield.

—L.S.N.C.—

Major Wright J. Sherrard, who has been serving as executive officer at Stout Field, Indiana, has been promoted to Commanding Officer of the field.



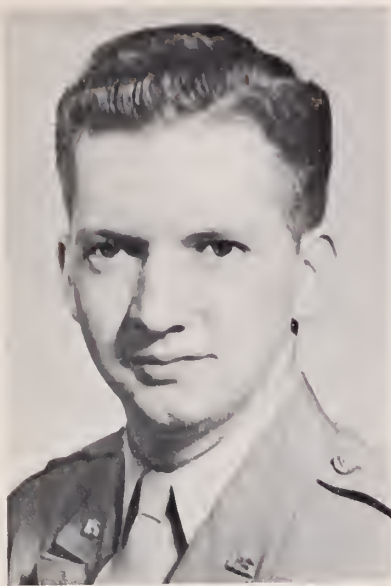
Norman Dowty (deceased)

Lieutenant (junior grade) Norman T. Dowty, United States Naval Air Forces, died at sea while engaging the enemy, according to a report received by his father, Howard Doughty of Alexandria, Veteran of World War I and an officer in the U. S. Navy during that war.

Norman was very active in student activities while a student at the College, his particular interests being in Forensics, Dramatics, and School Publications. His wife, the former Rivers Rhodes, and their young daughter, Amy Beth, reside in Natchitoches.

A recent communication states that Lt. Dowty has been awarded, posthumously, the Navy Cross and the Air Medal. The citation accompanying the Navy Cross states: "For extraordinary heroism as pi-

lot of a Torpedo Bomber in action against an enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean. Sighting the hostile ship while participating, with an accompanying fighter plane, in a search flight, Lieutenant (junior grade) Dowty unhesitatingly went into action and, skillfully maneuvering his craft into position for a powerful strike, pressed home his daring, aggressive attacks at perilously low altitude in the face of intense, persistent antiaircraft fire and accurately released depth bombs which exploded on the deck of the submarine and completely destroyed the enemy vessel. Lieut. Dowty's brilliant airmanship, indomitable fighting spirit, and valiant devotion to duty throughout this extremely hazardous engagement reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."



John Norris

First Lt. John M. Norris is stationed on the Chinese-Japanese battlefield in Asia. He entered the Armed Forces in 1941 after having taught in Bastrop for approximately one and one-half years. He was commissioned at Fort Benning, Georgia, and spent one year at Camp Roberts, California, as an instructor in the infantry. He received five months of special training in the Chinese language at Yale University prior to going overseas.

John graduated from the College in 1939 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Norris of Natchitoches, Louisiana. Word has just been received that he has been promoted to the rank of captain.

—L.S.N.C.—

Captain Harry A. Sompayrac is stationed at Randolph Field, Texas, headquarters of the Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, where he has been assigned as operations officer for headquarters flight.

—L.S.N.C.—

Captain Orlan W. McFarland has returned from his tour of duty overseas and is waiting at Miami Beach, Florida, for his next assignment. As an A-47 pilot, Captain McFarland flew 322 missions during 22 months in the southwest Pacific. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mrs. Dorothy Sledge Townsend has just received a letter from her husband, Lt. Alton (Jelly) Townsend, stating that he is a prisoner of war in China. He had been reported missing in action some time ago after his plane was forced down at Hankow, China. Some of the men in other planes on the same mission reported seeing his plane land and the crew get out of the plane. A reconnaissance flight later failed to find any of the crew, and it was presumed they had been captured by the Japs; however, nothing definite was learned until the receipt of a letter by his wife just recently.

S/Sgt. Earl Williamson, waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has just returned to the States from overseas duty. He was stationed in England and participated in 30 missions over Europe.

—L.S.N.C.—

Pfc. Norma L. Pitts, USMCWR, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal at the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Corporal Pitts is serving in the assembly and repair department of the air field. Before entering the Marine Corps, she was an aircraft sheet metal worker at Esler Field, Alexandria.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mrs. V. H. Hankins, nee Alma Perry, of 133 East Fairview Street, Shreveport, has the distinction of being the first woman foreman selected at the Louisiana Ordnance Plant. Mrs. Hankins taught in the Creswell School in Shreveport for 18 years prior to accepting a position with the ordnance plant, where she has been employed for the past three years.

She began working at the plant as an operator of a crimping machine. This machine crimped the 20 mm. projectiles into their cases or cartridges. At the present time she is foreman of Area D packing room, where the big 76 mm. shells are loaded into crates, these crates being nailed and fastened together as they move along the production line.

Mrs. Hankins has definitely demonstrated the fact that many women are filling essential positions in defense work. This work on the part of the women of our nation has released thousands of men for the armed forces or for other essential activity.

—L.S.N.C.—



Milton Chapman

Pvt. Milt Chapman, 564th Army Air Forces Band, Barksdale Field, looks perfectly natural in this picture which has been labeled "Canned Music" or "A KP's Serenade." Chapman has been in service a little over a year. He was stationed with the Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe, Va., and was assigned to the band. He was then transferred to the Air Corps and moved back to Louisiana at Barksdale Field. Chapman was a member of the band while a student at the College.



J. D. Boston, Jr. (P.O.W.)

1st Lt. J. D. Boston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boston, Sr., of Montgomery, Louisiana, was reported missing in action over Sicily on August 5, 1943. His parents received a letter from him on October 1, 1943, shortly before receiving a notice from the War Department stating that J. D. was a German prisoner of War. His parents have been hearing from him regularly each month since that time.

—L.S.N.C.—

Harold A. Davis of DeRidder has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to an announcement from Fifteenth Air Force headquarters in Italy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. (jg) Jack Clayton and Mrs. Clayton, 3249 Glennon Place, New York 61, New York, announce the arrival of "A New Star on the Horizon"—Miss Nancy Kay Clayton. Nancy Kay arrived on July 16, 1944, and weighs 7½ lbs. She expects to join the Waves as soon as Pop will give his permission.

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign John A. Vige on the Pacific had a few comments in his last letter to Coach Turpin which I quote: "Received a letter from Ralph Hudson and he has really been in the thick of the invasion of France. Henry Bollier has been transferred to a replacement battalion and expects to be shipped across shortly. Pat Nation writes me that he is awaiting his commission by mail at Great Lakes. Carlton Johnson is now in the Air Corps. He got into the Air Corps after receiving his commission in the marines . . ."

"I sure would like to be back there sweating some of this 200 pounds off, even if it would hurt . . ."

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign Tom G. George in the Southwest Pacific is on an A.P.C., where his duties include such details as those of Gunnery officer, Division officer, Stores officer, Communications officer, as well as Doctor and Preacher. He hopes to see James Sweeney and Red Harrison soon.



Ens. Jack Fisher

Ensign Jack Fisher, presently serving in the Pacific Area, is pictured on the occasion of his first meeting with his young son, Larry. Jack received two promotions in rapid order this spring. He became a father and an Ensign in the order named within the space of a few weeks. He stated that he would like to hang around and get better acquainted with Larry, but that Admiral Nimitz needed him.

—L.S.N.C.—



Leonie Moncla

Cpl. Leonie Moncla of the Women's Army Corps is stationed in the Office of Strategic Service in England. She enlisted in the Army on March 13, 1943, and was called for duty on June 10, 1943. After eight weeks' training in special service at Fort Oglethorpe, she was sent overseas. Word has just been received that she has been promoted to sergeant.

Twelve

James J. Roebuck is now an Aviation Cadet at Avon Park, Florida, where he was assigned after serving fourteen months in Hawaii and the south Pacific. He was assigned to the 23rd Bomber squadron in September, 1942. He is expecting to get his pilot's wings and commission as soon as he has completed his training.

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. Cyril M. Ellzey, paratrooper, was killed in France on June 19, according to an official War Department telegram received by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Rae Ellzey of Natchitoches. Sgt. Ellzey entered service on March 11, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Claiborne. After receiving special paratroop training with the 101st Airborne Division, he was sent overseas in September, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amberg Ellzey of Natchitoches.

—L.S.N.C.—



Jessie LeBlanc

Lt. (jg) Jessie LeBlanc is a member of the Naval Air Training Command under Admiral Murray in Pensacola, Florida. She was promoted to her present rank this year after having been commissioned as Ensign on April 6, 1943, upon completion of her work at Smith College. She has been stationed at Pensacola continuously since receiving her commission as Ensign.

—L.S.N.C.—

Among the visitors to the campus this week are the following:

Cadet William Hale, L.S.U. Medical School, New Orleans, La.

A S John Tarlton, V-12 Unit, Southwestern, Lafayette, La.

Pfc. Gary Fournet, U.S. Army, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

A C Harry Miller, Army Air Force, Santa Ana, California.

Lt. Buddy Holder, Army Air Force, Barksdale Field, La.

Sgt. Willie Black, Army Air Force, Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Sgt. George Gerlach, Army Air Force, Hobbs Field, Texas.

A S Rudolph Pharris, Army Air Force, Santa Ana, California.

PhM Corinne Fournet, WAVES, Quonset Point, Rhode Island.



Ens. Dorris Adams

Ensign Dorris Adams resigned her position with the Aerial Engineering Office in Atlanta, Georgia, to enlist in the WAVES on September 27, 1942. She received her basic training at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Radio Communications, and was then transferred to San Diego, California, for a year. She was transferred to Smith College, Northampton, Mass., and was on the honor roll at graduation, being one of only five out of a class of 180 to receive this distinction. After receiving her commission as Ensign, she was assigned to Holyoke College for extra work in Radio, afterwards being assigned to the Naval District Office at Norfolk, Virginia, where she is stationed at the present time.

—L.S.N.C.—



Eva Hill

Sgt. Eva Hill enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps in 1942 and was assigned to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for training. Since that time she has been stationed at Harrisonburg, Pa.; Camp Polk, Louisiana; and Bangor, Maine. She is at the present time stationed at Grenier Field, New Hampshire. Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Hill was employed in the Registrar's Office on the campus.



George Alexander

George Alexander, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, is now stationed at Center Field, Alabama. George states that he has had the good fortune to meet up with many of his old schoolmates in the Air Corps, among them being Robert Rouse, whom he met at Maxwell Field. Sorry that we can't deliver his regards to Miss Annetta Woods in person; she is in the WAC and is a good soldier herself.

—L.S.N.C.—

In a recent letter to Coach "Rags" Turpin, Pfc. Leon P. "Dynamite" Dunn stated that he was still in England and was becoming more familiar with English customs daily. He had just returned from a great track and field meet which was held at Chiswick Stadium in London. Dynamite took first place in the discus with a toss of 135 ft., 7 in., and third place in the shot with a heave of 41 ft. 11 in. *Stars and Stripes* of June 22 made the following comment: "Other service champions were . . . and Pfc. Leon Dunn, discus king from Shreveport, La., after pitching the plate 135 ft. 7 in." He is expecting to give some one stiff competition when he gets back to school.

—L.S.N.C.—

Capt. V. A. Dunham, Jr., 0-789151, 214th C.C.T.S., Sec. I, Peterson Field, Colorado, is a flight instructor in the B-24 group. He stated that he had run into Capt. John Woodyard several times on trips to Boise, Idaho, where John is stationed after having returned to the states from the Mediterranean area. V. A. is a little off in weight now, since he tips the scales at a mere 230 lbs. We hope that he gets better treatment at the table in the future.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. J. W. (Bill) James is now stationed in New Guinea. Bill entered service on March 11, 1942, and was commissioned on November 12, 1942. In our last communication from him, received July 18, he stated that after two years of hard fighting in the States, he was shipped to the battle zone for a rest. After battling with landlords, grocerymen, and the like, in the States, it was a relief, and also quite different, to find plenty of friendly Japs—Dead ones. Of course, the live ones were not so well behaved.

R. E. Chachere, BM2 c, U.S.C.G., Tampa, Florida, states that he has been receiving mail regularly from Coach Turpin as well as the *Alumni* magazine. He was enjoying shore leave three out of four nights, early in June, while his boat was in repair—but expected that happy arrangement to be over at any time.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. (jg) Albert Wayland Green, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, is in the European theater. He entered service in August, 1942; attended Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.; and was commissioned Ensign in November, 1942. He received his promotion to Lieutenant, junior grade, in September, 1943. He assisted in the invasions of Sicily, Italy, and France.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hargis, Jr., have just received notice from the War Department that their son, Lt. Ray Hargis, Army Air Corps, who was reported missing in action about six months ago, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. S. H. "Dean" Johnston was promoted from Lt. (jg) to full Lieutenant in the Navy on April 1, 1944. He has been stationed at 300 Federal Bldg., New Orleans, La., as assistant officer-in-charge of V-12 programs for the Eighth Naval District. Dean joined the Navy in December, 1942, and has been at Fort Schuyler, New York, Boston, Columbia University, and University of the South before being transferred to New Orleans. He stated that Lt. (jg) W. W. Ward is also stationed in New Orleans and that they are rooming together. Willie, Lt. Ward, is in the Welfare Recreation Department.

—L.S.N.C.—



Curtis Ray Price

Lt. Curtis Ray Price is in the Chemical Warfare Service, Co.M, 2nd Regiment, R.T.C., Camp Sibert, Alabama. Price entered service June 21, 1941. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant on December 12, 1942, and promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant on July 9, 1943. Since being stationed at Camp Sibert, he has been training soldiers in the art of chemical warfare.



Ben B. Johnson

Lieutenant (jg) Ben Batchelor Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson of Texarkana, Texas, served as a fighter pilot in the Gilbert Islands campaign before returning to the States early this year. He was promoted to his present rank on March 1 and is again stationed with the fleet somewhere in the Pacific. He has been in the Naval Air Forces for more than two years. Johnson is a native of Plain Dealing and attended both Normal and Tech before entering service.

—L.S.N.C.—

Chief Warrant Officer Ralph W. Wilson, better known as Red, is stationed overseas, APO 43, San Francisco, where he has been for 20 months. He met a Naval officer from New Iberia who knew "Doaky" Wimberly, George Easton, and "Tony" Porter. They were sharing a "very quick" fox hole during the Munda fight in New Guinea.

Red stated that it looked as if he was stuck as a "chief" unless he gets demoted to a 1st Lt. or a Captain.

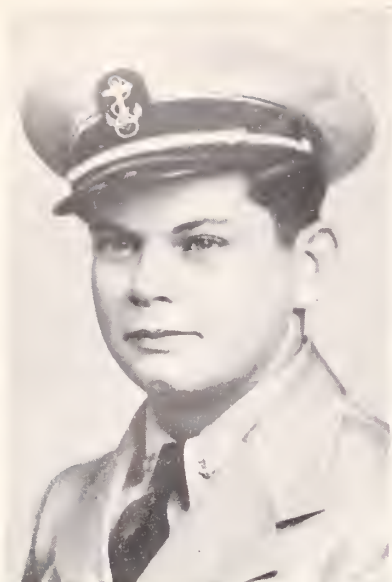
—L.S.N.C.—

From a public relations release, May 16, comes the following information concerning Capt. Charles J. Kelly of Plain Dealing:

"Winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Captain Kelly flew 30 missions during 20 months in the European Theater as a B-17 and YB-40 pilot." He had returned to the states and was awaiting reassignment from Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach.

—L.S.N.C.—

A release from Public Relations Office, Army Air Forces, May 1, stated that Lt. Lester H. Laird had returned from overseas for reassignment. In part it reported as follows: "Lt. Laird, P-38 pilot, flew 50 bomber escort, dive bombing, strafing, convoy and air sea rescue escort missions during one year in the Mediterranean theater. He destroyed four enemy planes; wounded in combat, he was awarded the Purple Heart. He also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 9 oak leaf clusters. The 27 year-old pilot is the husband of Olivia S. Laird, Delhi, La. . . ."



Crockett Norris

A c Crockett J. Norris is taking his Pre-Flight training at Iowa City, Iowa. He was first stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, and later transferred to Delaware, Ohio, and Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, in the Navy V-5 Training Program. Crockett enlisted during his Sophomore year at the college. He has a brother, Lt. John M. Norris, in the Chinese theater.

—L.S.N.C.—

Leonard E. Megason, ARM3/c, is stationed in Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. Leonard entered the Navy on July 30, 1943, and receiving his rating of ARM3/c on April 12, 1944. He informed us that during the 7 months of his training he had a real opportunity of using all the Physics he worked on so hard while a student here at the College. He was a recent visitor on the campus. He met Bobby Jantz in San Diego while stationed there.



Woodrow Blalock

Woodrow Blalock, now stationed at the Santa Ana Air Base, was stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, prior to his transfer to S.A.A.A.B. While in Roswell, Blalock had the good fortune of meeting Miss Josephine Harris, former B.S. U. Director

Latest news from Lt. Raymond W. Hayden, in Italy, reports that he has been promoted to Captain. He sent a poem given him by one of the men in his outfit. It is entitled "The Current Situation":

The S-2 is a sturdy soul,
He has to stand the gaff
To catch the bricks that come his way;
And for the Colonel's staff
He gathers all the latest dope;
The news, for you and me,
That Grant has taken Richmond
And Sherman has reached the sea;
That Indians wrecked a caravan,
King Richard lost his throne;
Some heathens, known as Visigoths,
Here crossed the River Rhone.
That Caesar has been stabbed again,
And someone stole his dame;
That Dewey's sunk the Spanish Fleet
To win undying fame.
The S-2 knows just everything,
And, after contemplation,
Will give you the latest dope
On the current situation.

—L.S.N.C.—

William A. Ward, is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps, Station Hospital, Ft. Clark, Texas. He entered the Army on August 15, 1942, and graduated from M.A.C.—O.C.S. July 7, 1943. Ward was in school here in '39 and '40.

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign Henry Gregorio was a recent visitor on the campus. Henry was enjoying a short stay at home on his way to his new assignment after having completed his work at U.S.N.T.S. Indoctrination school in New York.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. (jg) F. G. McGlathery, Apt. I, Gonzales Courts, Pensacola, Florida, writes that he and Jean have been receiving the Columns and that it keeps them in touch with many of their friends. Here's hoping you find more about them in this issue.



Corrine Fournet

Corinne Anna Fournet, PhM 2/c, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. F. G. Fournet, is stationed at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. She enlisted in the WAVES in June, 1943, and was assigned to Hunter College, New York, for her boot training. She was transferred to Great Lakes Naval Training Station in July, 1943, and was stationed there until June, 1944, when she was assigned to her present station at Quonset Point. Corinne would not take "NO" for an answer when she offered her services to the Navy in March, 1943, at which time she was rejected because of failure to meet the standard test for eyesight. She was finally accepted in June, 1943, on her third attempt to enlist.

—L.S.N.C.—

The last news from W. B. Botzong, 1st Lt. A. C., stated that he was in Edinburgh, Scotland, for a rest. He was enjoying the beautiful scenery and atmosphere of one of the fine old castles of that area.

—L.S.N.C.—

A news release from Miami Beach, May 1, reports T Sgt. Walter S. Whitlow of St. Louis, Mo., has returned from overseas for reassignment. We quote in part: "Technical Sergeant Whitlow, B-24 Liberator radio operator, served 17 months in New Guinea and Australia. He flew 48 bomber strike and reconnaissance missions against enemy installations and shipping, for a total of 300 combat hours. He participated in the first daylight raids over Wewak and Rabaul. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Whitlow, reside at 5851 Plymouth Street, St. Louis, Mo. He is a graduate of L.S.N.C."

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow received a personal letter of commendation from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney. "Popeye," as Walter was known on the campus, was a member of the famous Jolly Rogers Unit.

After recuperation at a convalescent center, he will be assigned to another station. His latest address is T Sgt. Walter S. Whitlow, 17032165, A.A.F. Convalescent Center, Dow Ce-Sav Place, St. Petersburg, Florida.



Cornelia Eastland

Pfc. Cornelia Eastland, former member of the Library staff at the College, is now assigned to the Post Library at Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, New Mexico, where her duties are somewhat similar to those of a regular librarian, such as charging and discharging books, answering reference questions, and taking care of the 181 magazines and 34 newspapers to which the library subscribes.

Pfc. Eastland enlisted in the WAC on March 25, 1943, and reported for duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, on June 11, 1943. She received the Good Conduct Medal for having a rating of excellent in character and work for a year in the WAC. She was one of nineteen, out of a group of forty eligibles, to receive the award.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cleveland Strong, RM3/c, 6 C Division, N.A.S., San Diego, stated in a recent letter that, although he did not get to stay here in College very long, he is eager to get back. His physical education training keeps him in shape to meet those 200 pounders on the football field, and he is raring to go again.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cpl. Frank Pernici, Sec. B., Flight 1, Chanute Field, Illinois, is physical training instructor and likes the job very much. He is expecting a transfer to the Convalescent Training Section, where he will give corrective training to wounded patients; he has done this type work before and finds it highly interesting.

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign Pat C. Nation is now stationed at Co. C, Bks. N-4, N.T.S. (I), Camp Macdonough, Plattsburg, N. Y., where he is taking his indoctrination training before being assigned to further duty.

—L.S.N.C.—

Cpl. Tommy Bambrick is now stationed at A.S.M.C., H. & S. Co., Engr. Bn., Camp Lejeune, N. C., where he is in Officers Training School. He expects to move to Quantico in September for continuation of his training. On a recent furlough he visited his parents in Texas.

John Culbertson, PhM1/c, is now located at Bks. 2, Nav. Frontier Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va. He has just been awaiting orders for further transfer, after having made several trips across on convoy duty on a destroyer escort. He was in charge of "medical" department but was replaced by a PhM1/c and a doctor. He is now attending school for pharmacists mates before reassignment.

—L.S.N.C.—

Pvt. Gabriel J. Barkate is somewhere in England in an OSS detachment. He states that he thoroughly enjoys any news from the College and the folks back home.

—L.S.N.C.—

Major John Henry McNeely, 0-427758, is stationed in Section E, Chatham Field, Ga., while his brother, Ludlow N. McNeely, S2/c, is at U.S.N.T.S. (Elec.) Co. 5, Plt. 2, Sec. 2, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Both are originally from Colfax.

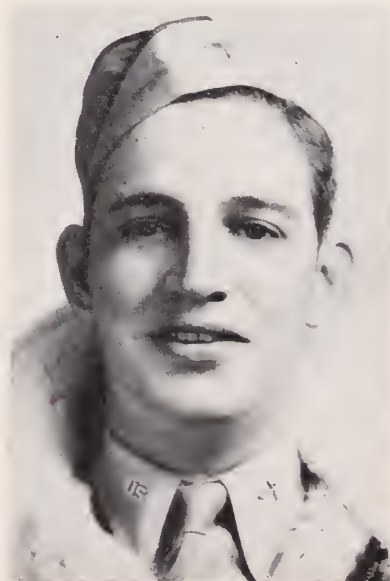
—L.S.N.C.—

Doyle Smith has completed his work at Midshipmen's school and commissioned Ensign. He is stationed on USS A. L. 108, Small Boat Haven, Lewes, Delaware. He states that eating three meals a day interferes tremendously with the arduous duties of his present assignment.

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. Oliver E. Ballard, Army Air Forces, has been in England twenty-two months. He entered the service on July 7, 1942. In a recent letter he stated that he had met many Normalites since he had been in England. All are eagerly looking forward to the time when the job is finished and they can return home.

—L.S.N.C.—



Allen Taylor

Lt. Allen K. Taylor is now stationed with the Air Forces in Italy, having gone overseas in April. He enlisted in service at Barksdale Field, January 1, 1942. He received his training at various air fields in Texas, and was commissioned at Big Springs, Texas. His wife, the former Claudia Sentell, is now living at 212 Wall Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.



Dorothy Domingues

Lt. Dorothy Freeman Domingues is assistant adjutant of the post and Commanding Officer of the enlisted WAC stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas. She enlisted in the service in October, 1942, received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and was transferred to Miami, Florida, for a period of nine months. In September, 1943, she attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where she received her commission as Lieutenant. From this station she was transferred to her present location at Camp Bowie.

—L.S.N.C.—

Flight Officer John Gordon Stuart is now stationed with the 16th Ferrying Sqd., 5th Ferrying Group, Love Field, Dallas, Texas. He was an advanced flying instructor at the British Flying School, Terrell, Texas, before going into the Ferrying division of the Transport Command.

—L.S.N.C.—

J. P. (Cotton) Meagher, CSp. (A) is stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas, U. S. N. A. S. Athletic Dept. He informed me that in 1960 we will have another cotton-headed boy to tread the paths of the campus. The son's name is John Paul, Jr. He was born June 12, and, according to Cotton, looks just like his proud father. We have had no comment from Mrs. Meagher, nee Thetis Treadwell, about the resemblance, but we are quite confident that she agrees with Pop.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. David Bramlett, now in France, has received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with clusters, Third Campaign star (not including his present campaign) and has been recommended for the D.S.C. A recent letter from him is printed in the Mail Bag Section.

—L.S.N.C.—

Pvt. Harold Tinsley, 396972, 2nd Recruit Bn., Plt. 419, Parris Island, S. C., writes Coach Turpin that he is undergoing the rigorous training of a leatherneck at his station. He had just received a letter telling that William (Dog) Arie had been wounded in France and is now in a hospital in England.



Moriece Gleason

Ensign Moriece Gleason of the WAVES enlisted in the Navy in April, 1943. She was assigned to Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, for training, where she received her commission as Ensign. She was then transferred to the Naval Office in New Orleans, where she is now located. Before enlisting in the WAVES, Ensign Gleason was an English teacher in the high school at Plain Dealing.

— L.S.N.C. —

Lt. Emmett E. Greene writes that he has seen plenty of interesting things in his more than four years in service. For the past fifteen months he has been in Africa, Sicily and Italy; he is now in Corsica. He stated that the Columns is his best contact with old friends and schoolmates.

— L.S.N.C. —

James E. Boswell, CSp., is in the 51st Batt., 29th Reg., U.S.N.T.C., at Great Lakes, Ill. He saw some great football games last year and expects to see some more this fall. Incidentally, he hopes to try out for basketball if, as he says, he is not too old to make the team. He stated that Red Thomas and his wife have a son now. Red is in Norfolk, Va.

— L.S.N.C. —

A letter from Pvt. Frank M. Lampkin at Parris Island states that he, Don Smith, Herman Randel, Carl Benton, and "Tip" Tinsley are all together. The address of all of them is the same: Platoon 419, 2nd Rec. Bn. M.B., Parris Island, South Carolina.

— L.S.N.C. —

Memorial services for Colonel Cedric Hudgens of Athens, Louisiana, were held overseas, according to an AP dispatch received at headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force. Col. Hudgens died in England on June 12, of natural causes.

Eight sky trains, with the No. 1 left open in honor of the deceased officer, flew over the base and dipped wings. Services were conducted by Chaplain Jesse W. Wood of Franklinton.

Colonel Hudgens was a student here at the College in 1930.

Lieut. John E. Carmichael, Jr., lost his life in the invasion of France on June 8, 1944. His wife, Mrs. John E. Carmichael, Jr., has just received the Purple Heart from the War Department. Lt. Carmichael, a student at the College in 1938-39, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carmichael of Many, Louisiana.

— L.S.N.C. —

Lt. (jg) J. R. Bond, USNR, does not seem satisfied to work in just one little ocean. A year ago, Russell was on a destroyer escort in the Pacific; however, our latest report shows that he has been transferred to the Atlantic, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, New York. Russell has been having some exciting adventures during the past 18 months.

— L.S.N.C. —

Cpl. Leon Basco, M.T.S., Sec. III, A.A.B., Clovis, New Mexico, has completed his training as gunner on a bomber. He reported that he flew over Louisiana recently while en route to Florida and back to Clovis by way of Corpus Christi. Native streams, lakes, and trees certainly were a welcome sight.

— L.S.N.C. —

We have just received the report that Lt. Billy Baucum was wounded in France.

— L.S.N.C. —

F. M. Carbo, CSp (A) is enjoying life in the tropics around Curacao. Morris is looking forward to the first big homecoming after the war is over.

— L.S.N.C. —



Mary Fae Colvin

Lt. Mary Faye Colvin enrolled in the Women's Army Corps in September, 1942, at New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her commission February 23, 1944, after graduating from O. C. S. at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She was transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and later was assigned to Army School for Special Service at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. She has been in several stations since that time, including Camp Patrick Henry, and is presently located in Boston, Mass.



Ella Claire Soncrant

Ensign Ella Claire Soncrant has just returned to New Orleans for duty, after a short leave home, where she will relieve a pay and supply officer for duty at sea. She enlisted on June 28, 1943, received her basic training at United States Coast Guard Training Station, Palm Beach, Florida, and was then transferred for duty in New Orleans, where she was stationed until February 7, 1944. She was then assigned to Palm Beach for four months' training for Pay Supply officers, at the conclusion of which she was commissioned Ensign, June 14, 1944.

— L.S.N.C. —

We appreciate the last letter received from Major Collier C. Smith, written in a foxhole in France. He states that his men are expecting better accommodations when they move into Paris. Incidentally, the stork has brought a new "Cheerleader" into his home back in the states, and Collier is eager to get an opportunity to listen to the new "yells" for the Demons in 1960 or thereabouts.

— L.S.N.C. —

Col. Oris B. Johnson commands "Black Widow" night fighters.

A recent release from U. S. Night Fighter Base, France, gives the news that the new American "Black Widow" night fighters have gone into action with their 20 mm. cannon and have already destroyed several German raiders. Col. Oris B. Johnson commands the first group of "Black Widows" in operation.

Most details of the Black Widow, P-61, and the date it went into action are secret. It is painted coal black, has twin engines and twin tails, and looks very much like the Lightning but is considerably heavier and larger. The Black Widow pilots were trained in the States under command of Col. Johnson, and, in the language of Lt. Donald J. Doyle, Richmond, California, "will take on any day fighter made."

— L.S.N.C. —

Cpl. Henry Bollier was a recent visitor on the campus. He is in the Marines and was stationed in San Diego. He said the training they get really makes a rugged outfit.



Nancy Featherhoff

Nancy Featherhoff, pilot in the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Command, is now stationed at Brownsville, Texas. She is pictured in her "Zoot Suit" made while taking her training at Sweetwater, Texas. She has been transporting training planes for the U. S. Army out of Long Beach, California, and was sent to St. Joseph, Missouri, for training on larger planes, such as C-47. After passing her tests at St. Joseph, she was transferred to Brownsville for training on pursuit ships. She enlisted in the WASPS on April 25, 1943.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lieut. James P. Steen of Crowley, Louisiana, who has twice received the Purple Heart, has been recommended for the Silver Star. In addition he received a citation from General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Fifth Army in Italy, which reads as follows:

"As a member of the ranger battalion on September 12, 1943, Lieut. Steen led a harrassing party of 30 men into Sala, Italy, where one bridge was destroyed, one headquarters annihilated, and two enemy bivouac areas heavily hit and scattered. Through exceptional leadership ability, he succeeded in bringing his men back to friendly lines without casualties."

Lieut. Steen was in the first assault wave that took Gela, Italy, where his platoon stormed and knocked out coastal batteries. He was with an assault group that took and held the left flank in the Salerno beach action, and later with the group that took and held Chuinzi Pass. At Chuinzi Pass, Steen was wounded in the hand and leg by mortar fire but remained in action while his unit stopped 12 Nazi counterattacks in 10 days.

Later his unit spearheaded a drive for a British armored regiment. While clearing a path through a mine field, the night preceding the attack, Steen lost his right leg in an explosion. Steen applied a tourniquet and lay where he fell for four hours until found by a fellow officer, Capt. Charles Shunstrom of New York City. At the risk of his own life, Captain Shunstrom removed Steen from the mine field and carried him to a British field hospital. (Capt. Shunstrom was later seriously wounded and is now reported a prisoner of war in Germany.)

Lieut. Steen is now stationed at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas,

where he is already getting used to a new artificial leg. He was a recent visitor on the campus, while on leave from the hospital. He was accompanied by John D. Bell, employed in the shipyards at Orange, Texas. Jimmie looked fine, and it was a real treat to see him again. He hopes to receive his discharge from the hospital in the near future.

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. Len S. Fletcher, tail gunner on an 8th A.A.F. B-17 Flying Fortress, has been presented an oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombing assaults on vital Nazi targets in Germany and the occupied countries of Europe. The presentation was made by Col. Karl Truesdell, Jr., of Washington, D. C., group commander. Len is a brother of Mrs. F. W. Borman, 3655 S. Trenton Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma (8th A.A.F. Release, 7-6-44).

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. (jg) Dudley G. Fulton, USNR, is at 3078 Abingdon, Arlington, Va. He is in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. In a recent letter he stated that he had met Lawson Arrington. He also saw Amanda Segura, Frances Stephens, and "Doakie" Wimberly's sister, whose husbands are located in Washington.

—L.S.N.C.—

E. H. Gilson, who received his commission as Ensign this spring, is now at Fort Schuyler, New York. Gilson was working in the physical training department in the Navy school here at the college before entering service.

—L.S.N.C.—



Lila Bozeman

Pfc. Lila Fendlason Bozeman of the U. S. Marine Corps is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She enlisted in the Marines on October 18, 1943, and was sent immediately to Camp Lejeune, where she was a charter member of the Women Marine Band. She is still stationed at the same camp, where she is a trombone player in the band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fendlason, 412 Mississippi Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana.



Allen M. Posey (P.O.W.)

Lt. Allen M. Posey of the U. S. Army Air Forces, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He received his Bombardier's Wings and his commission as Second Lieutenant at Williams Field, Arizona, in November, 1941. He was transferred to England in March, 1943, and after several raids over German territory, was shot down and is now a Prisoner of War.

According to a recent letter from his mother, Mrs. D. W. Holley of Coushatta, he has received some books on Agriculture from Prof. Nelken, sent through the Y. M. C. A., and is studying them in camp.

—L.S.N.C.—

S Sgt. Woodrow W. (Doc) Turner is stationed at Regional Hospital, Medical Detachment, Ft. McClellan, Ala., but expects a re-assignment at any time now.

—L.S.N.C.—

Second Lt. James T. Efurd, son of Mrs. J. C. Efurd, 3503 Lillian Street, Shreveport, La., has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, it was announced by 15th Army Air Force Headquarters.

A bombardier, Lt. Efurd is stationed in Italy with a 15th A.A.F. Liberator bombardment group, which has been carrying out long-range bombing missions against enemy installations in Germany, France, Austria, the Balkans, and northern Italy. A member of the Canadian Air Force from October, 1941, until May, 1942, Lt. Efurd transferred to the U. S. Army Air Force. He received his wings and commission on July 15, 1943 (15th Army Air Force Release, 6-24-44).

—L.S.N.C.—

Sgt. George Stanley McKenzie, Air Corps, is serving in the European theater with the Ninth Air force. He entered service, on February 16, 1943, and was promoted to Sergeant on March 1, 1944. He has been on overseas duty since June 30, 1943.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. James C. Carlin, who has been stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska, said that he expects to get a new address immediately—and it won't be in the States. Carlin is in the Army Air Corps.



Mary Herlena LeBlanc
(Mrs. Dispenza)

Herlena Mary Dispenza, RM 3 c, formerly Herlena LeBlanc, enlisted in the WAVES on June 1, 1943, immediately after graduation from the College. She reported to Naval Station at Bronx, New York, and was later assigned to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where she received her training. After graduating there on January 1, 1944, she enjoyed a leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. LeBlanc of Morganza, before reporting to Miami, Florida, where she is stationed at the present time.

She is indeed fortunate in that her brother, Ruffin LeBlanc, RM 1 c, is also stationed in Miami.

Herlena was married to Lawrence Dispenza of the Coast Guard on April 12, 1944.

—L.S.N.C.—

William Harris Bailey is now a Motor Machinist's Mate, Third Class, in the Navy, stationed somewhere in the southwest Pacific at an Amphibious Training Base.

—L.S.N.C.—

Dorothy Wyatt was a member of the WAAC for seven months. She spent one month in Des Moines and six months working in the offices of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D. C. When the WAAC became the WAC, she resigned. She received her honorable discharge on August 27, 1943, at which time she held the rating of Technician Fourth Grade.

On September 28, 1943, Dorothy was married to Captain Homer C. Wieser of St. Louis. Captain Wieser is in the Dental Corps, presently stationed in England, while Dorothy is in Winnfield keeping the home fires burning.

—L.S.N.C.—

A letter from S. Sgt. William L. Dowden in New Guinea expresses his pleasure at receiving the Alumni Columns. He stated that there were several Normalites with him. They almost "ganged" him when they found out he had a copy. Here's hoping each of them receives this issue.

Lt. John D. Thompson, 0780083, has received his commission in the Air Corps. When last we heard from him, June 10, he was in 461st. Base Unit, Lemoore AAF, Lemoore, Calif. He is expecting to be transferred at any time now.

—L.S.N.C.—

A card from Willis F. Ward informs us that he has been transferred from Texas A. & M. and is not stationed at 2510th AAF Base Unit, Section I, Barracks 180, Brooks Field, Texas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Robert O. Crowder, CPO, U.S.N.C.B., and 1st Lieut. Bert S. Crowder of Zylks, Louisiana, met recently in a little town in Sicily. This was the first opportunity for the two brothers to see each other in over two years. Lieut. Crowder has been overseas for 21 months with the Air Corps and Chief Petty Officer Crowder is with the seabees in Italy, having gone to Sicily about four months ago. Their mother, Mrs. R. O. Crowder, lives at Zylks. Both of them are former students at the College and did their class work together while here.

—L.S.N.C.—

Major Will O. Jackson led one of the squadrons of Mustang fighters that made the first shuttle run from England to Russia according to a news dispatch from Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force of June 22. Major Jackson holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and several Oak Leaf Clusters.

—L.S.N.C.—



Hazel Parker

Lt. Hazel Parker, U.S.M.C., is now stationed at the Marine Base, Cherry Point, North Carolina. She was the first girl in Caddo Parish and one of the first in the state to join the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She enlisted March 12, 1943, and was assigned to Hunter College, New York, for basic training. She was then transferred to New Orleans, where she did recruiting work in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. She entered Officer's Candidate School at Camp Lejeune in December, 1943, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on March 6, 1944.



Dorothy George

Lt. (jg) Dorothy George is presently stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana. She enlisted in the Navy in November, 1942, in New Orleans, and took her training at Smith College and at Mount Holyoke College. She graduated at Northampton, Mass., April 6, 1943, and received her commission as Ensign, U.S.N.R.

She was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade, in May, 1944. Dorothy likes the Navy very much.

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign Oniel Decoteau is stationed on LST somewhere in the Pacific zone. He received his commission as Ensign last January. Oniel was president of the student body when at the College and was very active in all student affairs. His parents live at Ponchatoula.

—L.S.N.C.—

Captain Horace E. Bamburg, an A-47 pilot, out on his 61st mission parachuted into the middle of the battle area in the Moselle Valley when his plane was hit during a strafing attack and started burning at 500 feet elevation. "I was so close to the ground when I jumped that I hit about 10 seconds behind the plane, got tangled in a tree, and when I looked around I saw a bunch of Germans coming out of the woods with a white flag," he said. The Germans were part of a group surrendering to nearby doughboys, and Bamburg was picked up with them. He stated that he thought he would stick around and watch a little front line action for awhile. Mrs. Bamburg, the former Peggy Myers, is living in New Oxford, Pa., with her parents.

—L.S.N.C.—

A recent letter from Lt. John E. Wooten, written from a hospital in England to Prof. Morrison, stated that while he was in the midst of a scrap in Normandy, his first sergeant came up and told him that he had just been promoted to a 1st Lieutenant. Rather good news to get while at the front, even though he later fell over a hedgerow and knocked his left knee out of place.



Marjorie Fulton

WAVE Marjorie Fulton has the distinction of being the only WAVE from Tensas Parish. Marjorie hails from Waterproof, and is stationed at the present time at Whiting Field, Milton, Florida.

—L.S.N.C.—

Lt. John H. Allen, P-38 fighter pilot, recently received the Distinguished Flying Cross in Italy. It was presented by Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Air Force in Italy. Lt. Allen took his first flight instruction in the CPT program while a student at the College. His wife, the former Sidney Gremillion, also a graduate of the College, resides at 2705 Virginia Avenue, Shreveport.

—L.S.N.C.—



Julia Johnson

Julia "Velia" Johnson entered the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps on July 1, 1943, and is now a Junior Cadet in her training at Shreveport Charity Hospital, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Captain A. Buford Sutton, U.S. Marines, returned to the states in July from the southwest Pacific area where he participated in 36 raids over Rabaul, Bougainville and Kavieng. He was wounded during one of his combat missions by Jap anti-aircraft fire.

—L.S.N.C.—

Mrs Martha Hudson Walsh, Recruiting Specialist, third class, is now stationed at O.N.O.P., 805 Apeo Tower, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She enlisted in the WAVES in September 1943. Before entering service she was teacher of Journalism at Fair Park High School in Shreveport. Mrs. Walsh received her B.A. Degree at Normal in 1933 and her M.A. Degree from Tulane. She is the daughter of Mrs. Wm. G. Hudson, 2035 Elizabeth Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

—L.S.N.C.—



Ens. Sarah Anne Turner

Ensign Sarah Anne Turner, W-V(S), USNR, is stationed at New Orleans in the Naval Office. She likes her work in the Navy very much. In a recent article written by her for the College Student paper, Current Sauce, she explained the many duties to which the WAVES are assigned, the type of training given them, and the splendid opportunities for service offered young women who wish to join the WAVES. If Ensign Turner is not doing that type of work, she should be a recruiting officer.

—L.S.N.C.—

Katherine Elizabeth Boggs, PhM2/c, is stationed at Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, where she is working in the office of the McIntyre Dispensary, X-Ray Department. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Boggs of Plain Dealing, and before enlisting in the WAVES, was employed by the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

Miss Boggs has one brother, Holman Boggs, in service. He is a yeoman, second class, attached to the recruiting office in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Before being assigned to her present station at Great Lakes, Pharmacist Mate Boggs received her training at the Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida.



Ens. Ruth D. Gump

Ensign Ruth D. Gump, W-V(S) USNR, is stationed at the Naval Air Station, Santa Ana, California. Ensign Gump was a student here at the College in 1927-28 and '29. She took an active part in student activities, and was a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority.

—L.S.N.C.—



Cpl. Georgia Mell Norman

T/5 Georgia Mell Norman, former assistant postmaster at Ringgold, Louisiana, is now stationed in England with a WAC Detachment, where she is doing postal work. She enlisted in the WAC in May, 1943, and received her basic training at Monticello, Arkansas. She was then transferred to Camp Davis, North Carolina, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for special training before being sent overseas in March, 1944.

Out of the Mail Bag

Letter from Lieut James F. Merritt, Jr., southwest Pacific area, written to Coach Turpin.

Southwest Pacific
August 19, 1944

Dear Coach:

Just finished reading your letter of May 24, so I thought I would drop you a few lines while I had a little time off.

Thanks for giving me dope on the fellows. They all seem to be pretty busy. Sounds as if Jimmie Steen really saw some action. I've seen some too, and came through O.K., slightly wounded once by anti-aircraft fire in the legs, arm, and chest—no damage though. I've received the Silver Star, Air Medal and five clusters. I've had a short rest of two months and very shortly I'm going back for another tour of combat. If I can pull through this time, I'll be sent back to the good old U.S.A. I'm sure looking forward to it, believe you me.

I'm sure glad to hear that athletics will be resumed this fall. . . .

Coach, I haven't written you lately, so you haven't heard of my recent change. I've been transferred from VP-34, and I'm now executive officer of another patrol bombing squadron. I like it fine and we have whipped the boys into a fighting spirit. . . .

As for myself, I've had 29 months outside the states and I'm more than ready for a little "Stateside" duty now. Oh, yes, I ran into an old Normal boy by the name of Tyler—he was aboard an aircraft tender with me but has returned to the states now. . . .

Guess it was quite a shock to all of you as well as myself to learn of Norman Dowty's death. He was a very brilliant fellow and I'm sure he had a brilliant future. Too bad he had to go so young. It sure hurt Betty and the family—they haven't recovered yet.

Well, Coach, guess this is all for now. Give my regards to all the old gang, Prof. Miller, Prof. Nelken, Miss Winters, Dr. Hussey, and the rest. Write when you can and give me all the latest "scuttlebutt."

The old "Slow-Poke,"
Merritt.

—L.S.N.C.—

Somewhere in Russia
August 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

The April edition of the "Normal Alumni Columns" that came to me yesterday was the most welcome and appreciated treat that I have received since I left the shores of America ten months ago. It furnished me with much desired information concerning the whereabouts and welfare of numerous fellow alumni whom I have been out of contact with since this conflict began. . . . While I was in England, I searched various service clubs, hotels, ale-houses, and tea gardens, hoping to find some of the boys, but a familiar face never appeared. To the Editor and scribes of the "Normal Alumni Columns," I say "thanks a million" for affording me the opportunity of spending a few enjoyable hours with my friends among the pages of your magazine. . . .

Here in Russia I am serving as a Radio Technician with the communication section of the Army Air Corps. All of the boys in the upper bracket tell us that we are doing a splendid job that will bring good results in the near future. Jerry is now cognizant of the fact that no part of Hitler's Europe

is immune from the attacks of our heavy bombers. Incidentally, after demonstrating my ability in physics to Mr. Fournet for two semesters, I am inclined to believe that he will have some doubt as to the veracity of the statement that I am a Radio Technician.

As I feel reasonably certain you have not yet received any correspondence from Russia, I will make a few comments relative to the country and the people. America can feel assured that she has an ally working and fighting with her with grim determination to destroy Nazism and all that it ever stood for. The people here have suffered tremendously but not for one minute have they paused to mourn over their misfortunes. Here men and women alike are fighting and working with every ounce of the energy they have to defeat the Leader of the Super Race and his clique and return to their normal way of life. This particular part of Russia is an excellent example of the devastating effects wrought by total warfare and by several months of occupation by Hitler's friends. This country will eventually overcome the tragedy that has befallen her, but it will in all probability take a long time. A nation with the courage, determination, solidarity and will to win that the Russians have cannot be defeated by a million Hitlers.

Again I will thank you for the copy of your publication with the request that you send to me all future editions for they are of a great deal of help to a fellow in a place where very little news from home seeps in. Money to cover subscription has been forwarded. Give Normal and all my friends your meet my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Cpl. William M. Rigdon

—L.S.N.C.—

A letter just received by Coach Turpin from Cpl. Floyd C. "Red" Turner from the southwest Pacific.

August 28, 1944.

Hello Coach:

How are things on the old campus? My sis just sent me one of the Normal Alumni magazines they are putting out, and it surely made me homesick. I didn't know one could miss a place as much as I miss Normal. Just the other day Jinks and I happened to bump into each other out here, and it was like seeing my own brother. Maybe we can all get together for a big reunion after this is all over.

I've been around a good bit since I last wrote—overseas eighteen months, and have been through two campaigns. This last campaign was quite rugged. I was in the first bunch of Marines to hit Guam, and was in the front all the way through. I had quite a few close ones, but came through O.K. Should have been here—the Japs were plentiful!

How has my good friend, Prof. Nelken, been getting along? If you get a chance drop in and tell him Red said "hello."

I'll give you Jink's address in case you don't have it and would like to drop him a line:

Sgt. C. L. Jinks
.....Marines
F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

If you have time, I'd like to hear from you.

As ever,

"RED"

France
July 16, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

At last we have a breathing spell so I'll try to answer your nice letter of June 24th. Everything is fine with me. It has been rather disgusting at the slow pace we have set here in France. If only these new Divisions could keep up or even follow us, we'd be in Paris next month at the latest yet I guess they have lots to learn, and I should keep quiet.

I didn't see the Nevada, but we had the Texas and Arkansas pounding away for us. That Beach was some slaughterhouse and I still wonder why I'm still here today. Sure would like to see the movie if they took pictures of our landing. Oh! man, that was a long day.

You know more about France than I do. Here in Normandy the terrain is jungle-like with apple orchards and hedgerows of bushes and trees. The people raise poultry and do dairying on a large scale. Most of them are still unconcerned about the war. At least, that's my impression.

I have written "Bama" and Miciotto at the address you sent me. Sure hope to hear from them. Have been corresponding with several of the "ole" L.S.N.C. boys.

Yes, Mr. Miller, I, too, am looking forward to a grand reunion at a "Homecoming" back there some day. Although over almost 2 years, I know I won't get home until 6 or 8 months after this war with "Jerry." The rotation doesn't apply to this outfit for some reason, so there I am.

Do write again when you find time. Best wishes and give my regards to the few I know there.

Sincerely,
David Bramlett.

—L.S.N.C.—

In England,
1 July, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

My first copy of Normal Alumni Columns arrived last week and I wish to compliment you of the Alumni Office for the splendid work on this edition of the Columns. It was my first link with the College since I completed the Spring semester in 1941.

I have enjoyed reading it from cover to cover. "Out of the Mail Bag" has been very interesting to me because it tells about former students, many of whom I knew personally and about their present activities. I was pleased to learn about Lt. David Bramlett's success in the grim and bloody African campaign. He's probably back on the same old job, chasing the Jerries back to Berlin.

Lt. Glass, in the closing paragraph of his letter dated February 9, 1944, seemed to be a little undecided about which is worse, the Jerries or the weather. Probably this thought might help him decide between the two. Jerry can be controlled, but old man weather can't and it seems that he doesn't know when to stop here in the E. T. O. He makes life miserable for the ground soldier.

Sincerely,
William Blewer, Jr.

—L.S.N.C.—

Copy of letter received from Sgt. O. E. Harrison, who has been in the southwest Pacific area since late summer in 1942.

Feb. 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have just rec'd a November copy of the Columns. Thanks a million for sending it. I'd like to say that whatever else the Normal Alumni Association is doing for their men in the service, I'm sure this magazine ranks among the highest as a most worthy contribution. It has already been stated many times before how much the Columns means to men in service both at home and overseas, so I will not list here its good

points. Everybody knows them. As for making it better, just give us more of it.

My group is known as the "Jolly Rogers." We have been overseas 18 months—13 months in New Guinea and all that I've got to say is that Sherman was right. . . .

I haven't got a dollar for subscription so I'm enclosing a pound. They say that dollars and pounds are good all over the world so you shouldn't have much trouble with it.

Best regards,
Red Harrison.

—L.S.N.C.—

Australia,
June 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I don't suppose you even know me; however, I'm not trying to introduce myself to you, but I'm saying this—I like "The Normal Alumni Columns" because it serves so faithfully its purpose. It informs us as to the whereabouts of our Normalite friends. It does make one feel happy to know that the Alumni of the institution don't graduate and then become forgotten. Very evident it is that L.S.N.C. is interested in her alumni as well as her ex-students.

I enjoyed the reading of the two issues I have received. It increases my happiness to be able to look forward to the next approaching issue. . . .

Thanks.

James Woodie Simmons.

—L.S.N.C.—

England,
July 1, 1944.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of the magazine "Normal Quarterly." Thank you very kindly for this issue and all others in the past, for I enjoyed them very much.

Enclosed you will find a five dollar (\$5.00) money order for which one dollar is for my subscription to the "Normal Quarterly" and the remainder is for subscriptions to other servicemen that you may choose to send one to. I would like to mention one of my friends that I would like to receive one. His address is: Pvt. W. L. Pharris, Btry. D, 774th A. A. A., Gun Bn., San Francisco, 9, California.

Sincerely yours,
W. P. Jacob.

—L.S.N.C.—

A letter received from S. Sgt. Harold A. Davis, who has been overseas for the past two years.

In Italy,
June 16, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I was very much surprised and very glad to receive a copy of the Normal Alumni Columns yesterday. Gosh, but it had been a long time since I had heard anything about dear old Normal! It is nice of you to remember all of us former students.

I have been overseas since July 13, 1942. Most of you back there probably didn't hear much about the A.A.F. in the Desert Campaign. I was in that group back there and took an active part in dislodging Jerry from El Alemain. We have been following him since, but I hope that the chase will soon end.

It is very nice to know that many of my fellow students are doing so well in the services. Those who have made the supreme sacrifice will not have done so in vain. We shall see to that!!

Thanks a lot for my copy of the Columns.

Sincerely,
Harold Davis.

Recent communication from James E. Tucker, S2c, Division 6, Section 1, USNTS, Toledo, 11, Ohio.

8 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you very much for the copies of The Alumni News and Campus Life. I am always happy to hear any news of Normal and the alumni although my happiness was greatly lessened by the news of classmates, friends, and acquaintances who were killed or missing in action.

I am not sure that you will remember me. In the event that you do, perhaps you will be interested to know that I am attending Storekeeper school here at Toledo and expect to graduate in July.

I rather imagine we are the busiest "dry land" sailors existent because of which I am writing this note in class (I didn't pick up the habit in your class) so my best wishes to Normal and everyone connected with it.

Sincerely,

James E. Tucker.

—L.S.N.C.—

May 3, 1944.

Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have just received the April edition of the "Columns" and can't express too much my appreciation for it. It is indeed very good and congratulations to the staff for its fine work.

I left the College back in 1941 and the Army took over in February of 1942. Since then I have traveled all over the States but never out as yet. However, things are looking up now.

At present I am here with part of Rommel's Africa Corps seeing that they do nothing to harm the war effort. Now and then we have a little trouble with them, but I find that the Super-men are no longer quite so super.

I see in the "Columns" that the majority of the fellows I know are scattered all over the world. It seems though that most of them are doing very well for themselves as far as Rank goes. It is doubtful if any of the faculty remember me; however, I was quite dumb in Mr. Mouser's Accounting classes. Perhaps he does. At any rate give my regards to all. Here's hoping that I get back to Normal soon.

Inclosed you will find \$1.00, for which please enter my subscription.

Sincerely,

Glenn Adcock.

Address: Sgt. G. L. Adcock,

Guard Detachment, 1829 Unit,

POW Camp, Maxia, Texas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Letter received from Lt. B. R. Allen, 34 Mountainview St., Springfield, 8, Massachusetts.

34 Mountainview St.,

Springfield, 8, Mass.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Have received a couple of issues of the "Alumni Columns" and am still wondering how my name got on your mailing list. I was a student at Normal in 1936-37 but have had no correspondence with anyone there since coming in the Army. Also Coach "Rags" sent me a little news sheet of athletic activities. (I was one of his problems in football there.)

Nevertheless, I am glad my name was sent in and am enclosing money for subscription.

I enjoy reading of my old classmates' military activities. So far, my 2½ years of Army life has been restricted to the confines of the U. S.—instructing new pilots and crews on B-24's. I've had a few students who were "ex's" and "grads" of Normal.

My regards to all—or should I say the few—who remain at Normal that I know.

Sincerely yours,

Bryant R. Allen.

April 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Just received your April issue of the Columns and was very glad to get it. I didn't even know you were putting out anything like that. It was really swell and I appreciate it very much. The "Mail Bag" sections and the section about the former Normal men in the service was very nice.

I've had letters from several of the boys from different parts of the country. I've had several letters from James Sweeney and Red Harrison, also Bama and Ted Wright, C. L. Starnes, Leon "Dynamite" Dunn, Morris Carbo, Ed McDermott, and several others. Bama and Dunn are in England and Ted is a Lt. in the Navy somewhere in the Pacific. Dwight Morris, who left school the same time I did and joined the Air Corps, is in Italy flying B-26's. He had in over 30 missions when I received his last letter and is still going strong.

Was sorry to hear about Alton Townsend being missing in action. We were both in the same class and went through Randolph Field together.

I haven't been sent overseas yet but hope to in the near future. All the other boys that write me from over there say I'm lucky and should stay here if I could, but naturally I can't see it that way.

I've also had several letters from Coach Turpin which were very interesting.

I guess I feel about like all the other boys about this war getting over and we can all get back home. I believe I could come back to Normal now and appreciate going to school.

Again I want to thank you for the issue of the Columns. I'm enclosing a dollar for my subscription and will appreciate it very much every month. Give my regards to Coach Turpin and all my friends at L. S. N. C.

Sincerely,

James W. Taylor, 1st Lt. A.C.,
6th T. T. Sqdn.,

Biggs Field, Texas.

May 5, 1944.

—L.S.N.C.—

Dear Mr. Miller:

Received the Columns for the 1st quarter of '44. It and President Farrar's letter were very encouraging. I would like to hear more of your post-war planning.

Was a "dog" on the campus for a very short time and must say that was the best "Dog's Life" you could ask for.

Certainly was glad to get news of the few students (& Ex's) I know and would like to hear from them.

All I can say is Normal never was like this and as Sherman said, "War is hell."

Enclosed you will find \$1.00. Will you please enter my subscription.

Sincerely,

George Isaac, FC 3/c

U. S. S.—

Fleet Post Office

New York, N. Y.

—L.S.N.C.—

Iceland,

June 2, '44.

Dear Sir:

I just received the "Alumni Columns" and am enjoying it very much. The one I received was the April issue. If you have any others, I would like very much to have them, for they mean very much to me here in Iceland.

If there is a charge, send the bill to me and you shall receive the money if I have to send you "Kroners."

Best of luck to all of you, and thanks again for the "Columns."

Sincerely,

Newton A. Forrest.

Letter received from Mary Fae Colvin, 1st Lt. WAC, WAC Staff Director, Army Base T.C.D., Boston 10, Mass.

Army Base
Boston 10, Mass.
April 24, 1944

Mr. Leroy S. Miller
Louisiana State Normal College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Miller:

On this date I received my first copy of the Normal Alumni Columns. To say that I was glad to receive the magazine would be putting it mildly. It has been a long time since so much news of Normal has come my way.

Have heard much of the beauty of New England and the East, but have seen nothing that will compare with the beauty of the campus at Normal in the Spring.

A friend of mine saw Elaine "Stooge" Carville in North Carolina last week. She is a Second Lieutenant in the Marines. She has a very good basketball team, so is evidently keeping up with her Physical Education work.

Thank you very much for the "Columns" and I am enclosing one dollar (\$1.00) for a subscription.

Sincerely,
Mary Fae Colvin

—L.S.N.C.—

Copy of letter from Lt. Wilson M. Bell, 30th Co., 3rd S. T. R., The Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

April 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

Today I received the April issue of "The Normal Alumni Columns" and was more than glad to get it. It's the only means I have of keeping up with old friends from Normal. Thank you—I appreciate it.

Have recently transferred from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery to the Infantry, and am now attending an Infantry school here at Fort Benning. You may be interested to know that while I was in the AAA stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas, there were several other Normalites there with me: Lt. James Avant, who has also transferred to the Infantry, and Sgt. "Stinky" Davis. "Stinky" and I were in the same battalion and I got to see him quite often.

Do you have Henry Ford Glass' address? If so, will you please send it to me?

Give my regards to Prof. Joe Webb and Miss Winters. Tell Prof. Webb, if I ever get back to school, I'll never cut another Chem. Lab.

Hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,
Lt. Wilson M. Bell

—L.S.N.C.—

Camp Plauche
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I certainly did enjoy the Alumni Columns. I have received two since I graduated. One was received in England and the other one here. Thanks a million for remembering me.

There is a probable new Normalite in my home now. Bobbie Wayne was born 2 February, 1944. He's my only son and quite a boy at that. He and his mother spent last week with me here in New Orleans.

Mr. Miller, I hope you lots of luck in the future. I hope to visit the old school after the war is over.

Sincerely,
Lt. J. K. Fletcher
Camp Plauche
New Orleans 12, La.

Letter received from T. Sgt. Walter S. Whitlow, 17032165, Don Ce-Sav, AAF Convalescent Center, St. Petersburg, Florida.

May 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

I was very pleased this morning when I found a copy of the Columns in the mail. I have often wondered where everyone was and what he was doing. It's a splendid thing you are doing with the Columns.

I was in New Guinea and Northern Australia for 18 months in the same group (but different squadron) with Red Harrison and Truett Sledge. I saw Red several times and had quite interesting talks about the old school but never was able to see Sledge.

Sweeney wasn't far from us, but I never was able to see him either. However, at a base in Australia, where I was awaiting transportation back to the States, I ran into John "Bully" Howell, former drummer in the "Swing Kings." Bully is in a M. R. U. outfit there and seems to be getting along fine.

That's about all in the way of news. Let me thank you again for the copy of the Columns. I will send my subscription as soon as I get a more permanent address.

Sincerely,
Walter Whitlow

—L.S.N.C.—

Drew Field, Florida,
May 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Last week I received the April issue of the "Alumni Columns" and have reread it several times since. I enjoyed it very much and am looking forward to getting the following copies.

Since I have been stationed here on Drew Field, I have had training for a radio operator in Signal Air Warning. At the present time I'm out on Operational Training, putting what I learned into use.

Inclosed you will find \$1.00 for my subscription of the "Columns."

Sincerely,
Earl Weaver.

Address: Cpl. Earl Weaver,
Hq. Radio Plt. 720,
S. A. W. Co.,
Drew Field, Florida.

—L.S.N.C.—

San Diego, California,
5-17-44.

Normal Alumni Association,
L. S. N. C.,
Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Just a line to let you know I am receiving your publications. Received my copy of Campus Life last week. Surely enjoyed seeing old places and new faces. The magazine made quite an impression on my shipmates here, especially the interest shown by you as to the whereabouts of your alumni.

I have seen quite a few of the old Normal group since being here—Bilbray, who attended in '33-34, is in Balboa General Hospital here receiving training as Hospital Corpsman. Two of the McNeely boys (home, Colfax) are here, or rather were a few weeks ago. I have lost track of them. Also Lorraine Brittain is here—an instructor in recognition which is a very important part of our training here.

We all see each other occasionally and exchange gossip and news so be sure and keep the Columns and any other publication coming. We enjoy them very much.

As ever,
L. L. Warner, PhM 3/c,
R T U Co. 44—182,
USNTC, San Diego, 33,

Twenty-three

California.
19 May, '44.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received my copies of the "Alumni Columns" and "Campus Life" a couple of weeks ago. I have enjoyed them very much, especially the column "With Our Boys in the Service."

I've been trying to write you for some time to thank you for the "Columns" and "Campus Life," but it seems that every time I sat down to start writing, the whistle would blow for classes, chow, retreat, or anything else that they find for us to do.

We study Physics, Math, Geography, and History. I think we had a year's trig. course in 2 weeks. At least, that's what it seemed like. We had our mid-term Geography test this morning. It wasn't too bad—multiple choice for 3 pages, so it was easy to guess at the answers.

Well, there goes the whistle for P. T.—otherwise known as Physical Torture. So, thanks again for the magazines.

Sincerely,

Willis Ward.

Address: A S Willis F. Ward 18210106,
2568th AAF Base Unit (C. T. Air Crew),
Sqdn. 4A, Flt. C,
A. & M. College of Texas,
College Station, Texas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Seymour Johnson Field,
May 19, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Received both issues of the Normal Magazine, "Normal Columns" and read them from cover to cover. Normal is well represented all over the world.

I was in the same Sqdn. with Major W. O. Jackson from Sept., 1942, until the summer of '43. He is in a fighter grp. in England. My brother is also overseas.

Give my regards to the faculty.

Thanks for the magazine. Hope before long we'll be receiving the Columns at home.

Sincerely,

James E. Wallace.

Address: S Sgt. Jas. E. Wallace, 34232068,
123rd AAF, B.U., Sec. "D",
Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

—L.S.N.C.—

Texarkana, Texas,
21 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have been moving around slightly since I last saw you. I went back to California, was stationed in Compton for two days, Ontario for six weeks, and then sent to Camp White, Oregon, where I stayed for four weeks. I noticed in the "Alumni Columns" that James Taylor was there, too. I wish that I could have known it at the time. When I saw you, I was in the Air Corps, but I've been assigned to the Ordnance branch of the Army Service Forces. I was assigned to this Base Group the third day I was in this camp. My job is a variety of administrative tasks in headquarters.

I came into headquarters last night to write some letters and found that the "Alumni Columns" and "Campus Life" had finally caught up with me. I have already read through both of them twice. I especially appreciate the pictures of the "Campus Life." There are so many familiar scenes that it almost makes me homesick for Normal. I'm glad to see the pictures of Harry and Leroy. They really look fine. In my opinion, the "Alumni Columns" is doing a wonderful job of keeping us fellows informed of the school, its functions, and the former students. Oh yes, if you think of it, tell Miss Sex-

ton hello for me—she's a friend of mine from quite a while back. I knew her when I used to live in Jonesboro.

If I can get a three-day pass and enough money—that is scarce for a pvt.—I'll try to come to Natchitoches and see all the remaining Normalites. Give my regards to your wife, Doc Kyser, and any of the Old Gang.

Thanks again for the publications—they help a lot.

John.

Address: Pvt. John A. Pruett, 39554151,
Hq. 230th Ord. Base Group,
O.U.T.C.—R.R.O.D.,
Texarkana, Texas.

—L.S.N.C.—

Camp Parks, California,
May 21, 1944.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received your April issue of the Normal Alumni Columns and was very glad to get it. I also received an issue of "Campus Life" which was very much appreciated by myself and several others who have read it. Inclosed you will find \$1.00 to please continue my subscription.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Powell, Msmth 2c,
7th USN Const. Bn.,
Camp Parks, California.

—L.S.N.C.—

Letter received from Lt. (jg) Ben Johnson, U.S.S. ———,
Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

May 18, 1944.
At Sea.

Dear Sir:

This morning we hit port for the first time in a long while. There is a great thrill in seeing land, especially the part of it we own. Being out of the combat zone, here we know are friends, and to me this is a wonderful feeling, one I think that shall never be forgotten. Though none of us was permitted to go ashore, we had the pleasure of seeing a young girl, brown in complexion, standing on the docks, the first we had seen in weeks.

Another great thrill is the mail we receive. Today I received thirty-four letters and your "Campus Life." Just this is a big help. I know others, too, perhaps not on the same ship, enjoy it as much as I. The presence of it lets one know you are thinking of us, and doing everything in your power to help us, not only in keeping our spirits high, but also by giving us remembrances of home and our past life. That in itself is a great thrill when one goes for weeks and months on end, seeing nothing but blue water from the flight deck of an aircraft carrier. Though part of the day is spent in the air, this we still call home, and always at night we come home to roost, turning the safe keeping of the task force to others. . . .

Seeing the photograph shots of the campus, and places around it brings fond memories to me, and sends a yearning through the body to return. To accomplish this would be a great pleasure and honor to me.

I see the school is carrying on the traditions of the Navy by training more and more men to join us. I know when they reach here they shall be prepared for the ordeal which they have come to meet.

I hope you keep up the good work, and though I do get my issues irregularly, I shall not miss one copy. Thanking you again for remembering me on your mailing list and begging for each and every copy.

Yours truly,

Ben Johnson.

Copy of letter received from A. R. Eason, AERM 3c, Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Ream Field, San Ysidro, Calif.

San Ysidro, California
27 April, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

Since my leaving Normal last year I have spent most of a year in the Navy, and I can assure you I have received nothing so morale lifting as the "Normal Alumni Columns" which came this last week. A person does not realize the benefits of a college education until he has left those learned but yet joyful days one experiences in college. I am proud of the fact I can serve my country in the crisis, but I am ever mindful of the happy days which lie ahead after this war is over.

Fortunately the Navy has seen fit to put me in a branch that is very educational as well as exciting, the Aerology Department. I have had the opportunity of studying the various sciences from a practical standpoint, and it is proving very interesting. I assure you, Mr. Miller, I am one student of Normal College that is very anxiously awaiting the day I can return to school and enjoy both my academic courses, and that great game of football. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the "Normal Alumni Columns."

Sincerely,

Rudy Eason

—L.S.N.C.—

Italy
6-15-44

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you very much for your copy of April's "Normal Columns." It was just like a letter from home.

In Sweeney's letter of Dec. 23, he spoke of Flack put up by the Japs. He should be around to see some the Germans put up. Ploesti, Belgrade, Constanta, and all of Germany and Austria put that stuff up so thick you can walk on it. One day we were in flack for forty-nine minutes.

I haven't seen any of the boys around Italy yet. If you write to any, tell them to write and I will do the same. If you would, I would like to have Dr. Marx's, McSwain's, and Toxy Bourn's address.

As soon as I can get some American money or get to a post office, I will send you the \$1.00 for the Columns. All we see is "Liras." Am enclosing one (1¢).

Tell Miss Tramel "Hello" for me, please.

Sincerely,

Lt. Allen K. Taylor

—L.S.N.C.—

4 June 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

Maybe I've settled down enough now to send you my new address. I am now somewhere in New Caledonia, but I still have a little more to go before I get to my new base.

I am assigned to amphibious work, which is commonly referred to as "suicide squad." I think it is the best type of duty that I could have received.

The mosquitoes are rather rough on us. They grow big here. The fellows tell me that a "swamp rat from Louisiana" should be used to them.

Sincerely,

James Craton

(Ensign James Craton, USNR)

—L.S.N.C.—

"Anzio Beach Head"
May 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

Here comes another "belated" note to let you know that the "all time champion" frog catcher of Normal is still alive and kicking. Sorry to have waited so long, but plenty of water has passed under the bridge since the last letter. Have had

quite a number of new experiences and have had the daylight seared out of me several times since then. I'm still able to take care of three squares a day. The ration situation over here and on the Southern Front, when I was there, is much better all the time than it was in North Africa.

Thanks a million for the Alumni Columns, and for putting my letter in it. Have had several letters from old schoolmates that perked my morale up quite a bit. Keep up all the good work at Normal, and remember me to all the old friends there.

As ever,

Buddy Beard

—L.S.N.C.—

England
June 2, 1944

Dear Leroy:

Thanks for the last issue of our College magazine. It is a well gathered-up edition, and I'm sure it brings enjoyment to Normal men and women—from and in every part of the world.

Enclosed is a dollar bill—one I've been showing the natives, which reminds me, if ever you want to reduce or recommend a recipe for reducing, England is the place. These merchants, Pubs, hotels, etc., can take more "pounds" off a "Yank" in thirty minutes than the Normal dining hall can put on him in a year—or Uncle Sam's finance officers can pay out in a month.

Sincerely,

Lt. Bill Dodd

—L.S.N.C.—

Letter from Pfc. Alaric Smith, 38521996, Sec. C. M. P. Det., Fort Mason, California.

June 18, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

I imagine that you are pretty busy these days with all of the fellows in the service and the ones at school to keep up with. I am sorry I was so long in answering but the Columns were delayed along the way and I didn't get them until a little while back. I intended to write but the duty we do out here keeps up and sometimes we don't get to write like we want to.

I am in an M. P. Detachment here in San Francisco, and we pull duty along the waterfront. We are in charge of troops and valuable, or all, equipment going overseas to our fighting men. We are at the piers when the men embark for overseas or debark after their time is spent over there. As you see, we are kept pretty busy but it is a pretty interesting job as we see how the government is taking steps to end this war in as quick a way as possible. We also see the souvenirs sent back by our boys over there. There are some interesting trinkets and also some of the weapons the Japs use. . . .

From time to time I see ones from Normal. It is really an honor to see such good people from a good school in a place like this. I only wish there were more of them out here. . . .

If at all possible please continue to send the Alumni Magazine to my address as it helps a fellow's morale, who thinks the Normal is the best school of its kind in the U. S. . . .

A friend always,

Alaric Smith

—L.S.N.C.—

Somewhere at Sea
May, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

This will only be a note to say to you and all the other Profs and friends of mine back in LSNC "HELLO." I have often thought of the old school but have not had the time to do anything about it.

I received a copy of the "Columns" while back in Cheyenne, Wyo., only about two days before departing for 'over

there.' I was more than glad to get the issue and also the chance to read of several of my former classmates. . . .

Please excuse the paper as this is all that we can get on the ship.

Wishing you, the school, and all of my friends the best of luck, I remain the same,

Sincerely,

Capt. Poole Rogers
% Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

—L.S.N.C.—

England
28 May 44

Dear Mr. Miller:

It is indeed a swell feeling to know that people back at home do not forget even the smallest thing. My roommate and I both received an issue of the "Alumni Columns." There are several of the local boys in the outfit, and we often talk of old times. The campus would look good in more ways than one at the present moment. We look forward to being back down there before too long.

Sincerely,

Henry C. Willis
and
Felix D. Harrison

—L.S.N.C.—

Somewhere in England
May 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

I wish to extend my compliments to you and other members of the Alumni Office for such wonderful work on the "Columns." It is one magazine I thoroughly enjoy reading, and I never want to miss an issue.

Yes, I am still here in England, but that "D" Day is drawing near. I have gone through a large number of fights with "Jerry" and we came out victorious, so this next show must be a continuation of our winning streak.

Mr. Miller, will you please send me the complete address of Joe Miciotto and Ernest "Bama" Wright. I know "Bama" is here in England, but I haven't located him as yet.

Give my regards to my friends there at Normal—sure would like to be back there.

Sincerely,

Lt. David Bramlett

—L.S.N.C.—

Ensign J. R. Hudson, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, New York, wrote the following letter to Coach Turpin:

Sunday, May 18.

Dear Coach:

. . . I ran across Bama last night down town and we spent a nice evening riding around in his jeep and talking about old times. He is an M. P. sergeant and they are routing the troops across the channel. He is the first one from school that I have met and he said that I am the first one he has seen. I was planning to meet him tonight but as things usually happen we came back out to sea this morning.

I have had a lot of interesting experiences and have been scared as hell, at times, but it seems as if things are getting better over here.

We hit the beach with a load of troops on D-day and it was plenty hot, but it sure makes one feel good to see how the boys from the United States go into battle. You can sure see the background behind them when you watch them go marching up the beach with shells bursting all around them.

You just about forget that shells are bursting around you, too.

We have been taking troops in pretty steady, and we are on our way to the beach again.

I still think that I want to coach and I think that being a Naval officer is good practice because you have a lot of the same problems that a coach has. All of our boys are young and eager and I enjoy working with them a lot.

Thanks again for your letters.

Ralph.

—L.S.N.C.—

The following is a letter from Lt. James W. Taylor, 1st Combat Cargo Group, 2nd Combat Cargo Sqdn., Bowman Field, Kentucky, to Coach Turpin:

7-21-44.

Hello, Coach:

Got your letter today and sure did appreciate all the news. I've been up here in Kentucky now about two months. We're just about ready to go overseas. . . .

I was up at Stout Field in Indiana today and dropped in and saw Major Wright Sherrard. He's the C. O. there. Same old Wright, only fat as a hog.

Got a letter from Captain Sweeney the other day. He was getting along fine and was about to go to Sydney, Australia, on a leave. That's a hot town, all the boys that have been there told me. Also got a letter from Dynamite Dunn in England. Said he was throwing the discus around. . . .

Would like to have seen old Pete Martin when he got married. Guess he's still chewing that tobacco.

I'm sure looking forward to this war getting over and all the boys from Normal can get together for a home-coming. I might even come back to Normal and finish school. I believe I've got enough sense now to appreciate going to school and really learn something instead of messing around like I used to. And I believe I still have a couple more good years of football in my bones.

Well, Coach, I'll quit for now. Tell everyone hello for me and keep writing me because I really like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Taylor.

—L.S.N.C.—

This is a letter from Sgt. Joe A. Miciotto, who is with the Parachute Infantry in the European theater.

July 30, 1944.

Dear Coach:

Received your letter this morning and was very happy to hear from you.

No, Coach, I was sitting on the warm up bench, ready to go just in case, but the boys seem to handle everything very well, and needed no assistance. They took an awful beating before the game was thru, but as always these boys show great fighting ability. Am expecting to go back and take another crack at the game in September, if Germany doesn't crack. Get your map of plays out and see just how near you can guess where the game will be played. The papers will later tell you just how and when we did it. . . .

By the way, did I ever tell you that my kid brother Tony was in on the invasion? He's a commissioned officer on an LST. He's made quite a few trips back and forth to Normandy. He said when those C-47's flew overhead at the start of the invasion, he knew for sure that his old Brother Joe was in one of them. Maybe in the next operation I'll count on him and the Navy to bring us our ammunition.

Well, Coach, I guess I had better sign off and take a few lessons in do's and don'ts. Hoping to hear from you again in the near future.

One of your old boys,

Joe.

The following is a letter to Coach "Rags" Turpin from Sgt. E. S. Wright.

June 28, 1944.

Dear Coach:

Received your last letter and they are appreciated now more than ever. Was out with Ensign Ralph Hudson the other night. Yesterday I saw Ensign Green, but didn't get to talk to him. I had a traffic jam at that time. Plan to find him tomorrow. Coach, too much praise can't be given the boys in the Infantry, like Little David Bramlett, Rangers, take Steen for instance, and pilots, of which we have so many from Normal. My hats off to them all—no greater soldiers ever lived than the old American. The Jerrys know it, too. They say our boys are crazy. Jerry looks pretty beat up, too. No doubt you've seen some pictures of prisoners. Tell Mr. Miller thanks for the Alumni Columns "BUT ISN'T CUPID BUSY."

Forever Grateful,

Bama.

—L.S.N.C.—

The following is a recent letter to Coach Harry Turpin from Edwin McDermott, GM 3 c, who is in the Southwest Pacific.

13 June, 1944.

Hello, Coach:

Yes, Coach, it has been quite sometime since I've written you. My corresponding has been far and few between with most everyone. I've been hearing from Pat, Ted, and Bama. I've received two of the Alumni magazines and have really enjoyed them. It makes me homesick in a way. I've shown them to most everyone on the ship, giving them an idea of what a good college we have in La. I'll be glad to visit the ole Alma Mater again.

Well, Coach, by the time you receive this, I should have a very good conception of what this is about out here. These people play for keeps and there are no medals for second place in this race. All that I can do is give my best and put my trust in the Almighty above. . . .

My ambition, after this is over, is to return home and teach and coach football. At least that is what I'm anticipating and hope there will be a job like that available. That is

about all that I keep my mind on while I'm out here. I don't think that I'll be disillusioned in my ambition.

Coach, there are some addresses that I want if you have them available. I'll try to write these fellows when I get the time. They are Starnes, Carbo, Benton, Vige, "Pete" Martin, and a few others that you have and I couldn't think of. I was very glad to see Carl win honors in the Texas Relays. It won't be long before you will be out there coaching those boys again.

Well, Coach, my news is very little out here. Tell Prof. Young, Dr. Farrar, Coach Prather, Tommie Sue, Lieut. Comm. Drew, Mrs. Hankins, Mr. Miller, and the others hello for me. Give my regards to your family. Write me when you have the time. So long for now.

Mac.

—L.S.N.C.—

A recent letter received by Mr. A. L. Ducournau from Ensign Lester Lantrip.

Dear Mr. Ducournau:

I suppose I should address this to the "Alumni Association," but, since I owe you a letter anyway, I think I might be forgiven if I combine the two pleasures.

This morning I received a copy of "The Normal Alumni Columns." I can't begin to tell you just how much I enjoyed it. Nothing I have received out here from home has caused, maybe added to, my pride in Normal.

I hear of my old friends all over the world, "missing," "killed." It makes us all sad, but not discouraged. I guess we know some of us won't get back. Thank God they can't destroy the memory of these men who have become heroes almost overnight—the pride of the country—the very best that our country had to offer.

And now for myself, I would like to express my gratitude that I have not been forgotten. We like to think that we still have a place in our Alma Mater.

There are a few mistakes I would like to call your attention to, however. I graduated in '42 with a B.S. degree. How could they do such a thing to me? After those long hours, 4 years, in a laboratory they say I received an A.B. degree.

Being a scientist yourself, you can see how I feel.

Write me soon. I enjoyed your last letter very much.

Always,

Lantrip



These three young ladies are responsible for getting the correct addresses on all copies of the Alumni Columns before the copies are mailed out. They are, reading from left to right: Misses Lois Butler, Kathleen Gregg, and Jimmie Slawson. Kathleen graduated this summer and will teach Commerce in the Tioga High School, while Jimmie is a senior and Lois is a junior this year.

These young ladies, under the supervision of Miss Pearl Tramel, have given most generously of their time and efforts in securing correct addresses of graduates and former students, particularly those in the armed forces, with the hope that news from their old school and their former schoolmates might help to brighten some dull moments for many of them.

It took some little strategy to obtain these pictures, and it is going to be quite a surprise to these young ladies when they find themselves smiling out from this page, but we wish to express our appreciation, and we believe you do, too, in a small way, for the splendid help they have given during the past two years.

Normal Men and Women in the Armed Forces

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New York, New York

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Flight Instructor
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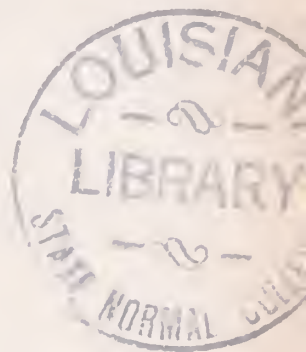
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